

Crawford adult education program may feel Engler's budget axe

By Linda Sherwood
Staff Writer

Approximately 40 students a year have graduated from the Adult Education classes offered through the Crawford AuSable School District for the past eight years. 1996 may be the last graduating class for adults over the age of 21 if a budget proposed by Governor John Engler is approved.

The Governor's budget proposes to remove \$105 million from adult education through restructuring transfers, which would include transferring \$5 million to support an apprenticeship tax credit for businesses. The Executive Budget proposes significant policy initiatives in adult education.

Under the subhead, "Enhancing the Academic Skills of Adults," the budget proposes to slash adult education spending.

"Michigan is and has been the national leader in per capita spending on adult education," reads the proposed budget. "We far outspend our neighbors in the Great Lakes region. But thus far, that leadership has failed to produce results consistent with the investment. The proportion of adults with GEDs or high school diplomas is not acceptable. It is past time for a total restructuring of the way we provide services to this population."

According to the Michigan Association of Community and Adult Education (MACAE), adult education programs return \$1.70 for every \$1 spent during the 1993-94 school year. During that time in Michigan, 185,044 adults enrolled in adult education; 22,997 students received a high school diploma or GED; 13,520 unemployed obtained a job; 4,774 adults changed/

upgraded their job; and 6,044 people discontinued public assistance.

The Governor proposes the creation of local "Workforce Development Boards" to fund programs for adults needing reading and math skills, and GED test preparation. These locally based boards will receive allocations based on the number of adults in their service areas without high school diplomas.

"They will contract on a performance basis with community providers of these services including school districts, intermediate districts, community colleges, nonprofits and proprietary schools," according to the proposed budget. "Those individuals under 20 years of age or referred by employers will continue to receive free services, but tuition may be charged for individuals age 20 or older."

R.J. Hannan, director of the community adult learning center, is concerned about the possible ramifications if Governor Engler's proposed budget is allowed to pass.

"If the governor's budget proposal for adult education is allowed to happen, the impact will be the following," said Hannan. "A person over 21 years of age will no longer have the option to obtain a regular high school diploma. The only option will be a GED (general equivalency diploma)."

The proposed budget will be the final blow to a program already operating on only 53 percent of its budget from just two years ago, said Hannan. Locally, if passed, the new budget would mean the end to enrichment classes and the cultural events program as well, warned Hannan. It would also mean four Crawford AuSable

Adult Education teachers could be laid off.

"It's very unfortunate the governor has such a narrow view of adult education and what it has done for the people of this state," said Hannan.

The proposed budget could mean Crawford County residents would have to travel to classes outside of the county in order to receive programs that are currently offered in three locations within Crawford County: Hanson Hills Recreation Area, Grayling High School and Lovells. The proposed budget would add even more barriers preventing many residents from continuing with their education, said Hannan.

Hannan stated that there are currently 14 students who need just one or two semesters before they can receive their high school diploma.

"That option would be cut off right now," he said. "The work and effort put forth already by these students would go unrewarded."

The adult learning center served 224 adults in all levels of functioning for the 1994-95 school year. Of those 224 adults, 75 were public-assistance recipients; 128 were unemployed; 38 were employed, but upgrading their skills and 17 were in correctional facilities.

By the end of the 1994-95 school year, 17 of those students obtained their high school diploma, 24 passed the GED test, 24 voted for the first time in an election, 12 obtained a better job, 14 obtained employment and 14 were removed from public assistance.



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Three adults, one minor apprehended in purse theft

Three Grayling men were arraigned in 82nd District Court on Thursday, Feb. 29, in the theft of a purse from a 92-year-old Grayling lady. One of the men was also charged with assaulting a police officer.

The fourth suspect, a juvenile, is facing charges in Crawford County Probate Court.

Jeffrey Partlow, 20, Jeffrey Hale, 17, and John Hill II, 17, demanded preliminary examinations on all charges before Judge Francis Walsh.

Hill and Hale are charged with larceny from a person and larceny from a building.

Partlow faces similar charges, plus two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon.

According to Grayling City Police Officer Dennis Long, two of the three gained access into the lady's AuSable Acres residence by misrepresenting themselves as gas company employees on Monday, Feb. 26, at approximately 10 p.m. One of the men distracted the lady while the other searched her home. Money was taken and as the two fled they also took the lady's purse. As they fled the home, the two were spotted running by officer Long, at about the same time he received radio notification of the theft.

Long pursued the men, who had entered a Jeep CJ, driven by Partlow and occupied by one other adult. When Long attempted to stop the vehicle a high-speed chase ensued east on M-72 and south on Industrial Drive. Vehicles from the Crawford and Roscommon County sheriff departments were contacted to provide assistance, but were unable to stop the vehicle. Long reported that Partlow swerved into the path of his patrol car when he tried to pass. That constitutes assault with a dangerous weapon, according to Michigan law.

Partlow and the 4-wheel-drive Jeep then fled into an area that could not be accessed by its pursuers.

A citizen's tip later in the evening allowed Long to apprehend three of the men. The fourth was picked up on Tuesday.

Some of the money and the victim's identification were recovered by Grayling City Police assisted by the sheriff department snowmobile unit.

The three adult men are being held in the Crawford County Jail. Hill and Hale are being held on \$50,000 cash bonds. Partlow is being held on a \$100,000 cash bond.

Larceny from a person carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison. Larceny from a building carries a maximum penalty of four years in prison and/or a \$2,000 fine, as does assault with a dangerous weapon.

Officer Long said he urges people to not open their homes to any strangers until proper identification has been established. If there is any doubt about a person's identification, Long asks that persons contact the city police or sheriff department.

Still-----a water/winter wonderland



NO SIGNS OF SPRING YET--Thoughts of springtime have been muffled recently by several blankets of snowflakes, much to the chagrin of many local people who are saying, ENOUGH ALREADY! Even the beautiful AuSable East Branch seems dull and dreary coated in its stark black and white colors.

Photo by Terry Wright/Avalanche

Prosecutors recognized for community service



FIFTEEN YEARS OF SERVICE--Prosecuting Attorney John Huss (R) and Assistant Prosecutor David Sabin were recently recognized by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners for each attaining 15 continuous years of service to the people of Crawford County and the State of Michigan. The commissioners presented the pair with wall plaques in honor of the occasion at a recent commission meeting.

In 1997, the position of Crawford County Prosecuting Attorney will become full-time. Huss has indicated that he will seek election to the full-time prosecutor's position.

Community-wide land-use coalition formed

By Terry Wright
News Editor

Crawford County Commission Chairman Bruce Bretzke, has called for a new committee to be used as a clearing-house for local governments, individuals, organizations and private businesses who may have concerns about the responsible uses of the county's land and natural resources. Bretzke appointed Commissioner Kathy Black to chair the committee.

The committee stems from a Wednesday, Feb. 28, meeting of government and forest-industry business representatives in Grayling, who stated their concerns about ecosystem management policies on publicly-owned land.

Black quickly established a mission statement for the committee which is: "The mission of the Crawford County Land Use Coalition is to sustain the quality of life expected and accustomed to by the residents of the community by establishing a long-range plan for the responsible use of the land within our county."

According to Black, the committee is pledged to, 1) educate the general

public as to the necessity for maintaining and improving the health, productivity and sustainability of all lands within Crawford County, 2) urge the county board of commissioners to support the county planning commission and implement the updating of the county zoning ordinances as necessary to protect and preserve the natural resources for future generations, and 3) strengthen and diversify the economic base of Crawford County by encouraging partnerships among representative interest groups to provide guidance and support for the implementation of a comprehensive land use policy plan.

"This committee will be a cross-section representing all aspects of our community," Black said. "In order to sustain the quality of life to which we have been accustomed to, we will need to work together as a team motivated by a vision of compromise, cooperation and education."

Black said the Crawford County Land Use Coalition has no intention of developing a county-wide master plan, but should be a good resource for local

municipal governments already committed to a master plan.

"We should have committee members from local and regional government, industry, business, recreation, individual, group and educational interests," Black said. "Before we can make any recommendations to the board of

commissioners, the entire community must be involved."

Black said a first priority of the committee would probably be the development of a "community questionnaire," in which community members could voice and explain their own priorities in a vision for the future of Crawford County.

Township supervisor faces recall petition

By Terry Wright
News Editor

A recall petition has been filed by Beaver Creek resident Gerald Balms against Beaver Creek Township Supervisor Irene Schultes. The petition contained 131 signatures, 118 of which were verified by the Beaver Creek Township Clerk as being valid residents and registered voters of that township. The number of signatures needed for a recall, by law, is 25 percent of the number of Beaver Creek voters who voted in the last gubernatorial election.

The wording on the petition is as follows: "On June 27, 1995, the above named officer [Schultes] was arrested and subsequently arraigned in the district court of Crawford County on a felony drug charge of manufacture of a controlled substance, marijuana, and

thereafter plead guilty in same court to an offense of a lesser degree, being possession of marijuana. We, the undersigned, have determined that because of the officer's actions, we can no longer trust her to perform her duties in an ethical and trustworthy manner."

At the time of her conviction, Schultes told the Avalanche it was "the first and only offense in 40 years, and it's a misdemeanor." She said at the time that she had no intention of resigning as the township supervisor.

Schultes will now have a limited amount of time to challenge any of the signatures on the recall petition. If the petition remains valid, a special election will be held, according to Crawford County Clerk Sandra Moore, in either April or May.

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Hunting & Fishing Weekly Update

Winter heads for a dropoff!

Here we are in March, the last real month of winter, at least we hope.

Walleye and northern pike season is drawing to a close, and the next ten days should be some of the best walleye fishing of the year. The walleyes should be moving into the shallows just before dark, so position yourself along the dropoffs in the shallow edge, and jig from 5:30 until 8:30 pm with a Swedish Pimple or a Williams Wobbler with a minnow head on the treble hook. I have also heard a Little Cleo sometimes works well. You could also try setting a tip-up with a small sucker or shiner along the dropoff.



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Lowe sponsors bed and breakfast bill

Michigan agricultural tourism receives a boost under legislation that loosens the restrictions on meals served at bed and breakfast establishments, said a northern Michigan lawmaker sponsoring the plan.

State Rep. Allen Lowe, R-Grayling, said one of the biggest problems facing rural tourism are food service health codes and liability concerns. House Bills 5638 and 5639 allow bed and breakfasts with eight or fewer rooms to serve breakfast, lunch and dinner. Current law restricts them to just a morning meal.

"This is one of those outdated regulations that hampers growth and serves little purpose," said Lowe, a member of the House tourism and Recreation Committee. "By eliminating such micromanagement, small entrepreneurs can attract more customers."

Lowe is enthusiastic about agritourism, a growing industry that includes visits to pick-your-own farms, roadside stands, wineries, farm bed and breakfasts, festivals and fairs.

"The typical agricultural tourist wants a farm experience and is eager to buy fresh food products. Farmers are selling services and an atmosphere for urban residents seeking an outdoor respite from workday stress," Lowe said. "We must allow them to capitalize

on the unique ideas, cultural attractions and homemade goods from their communities."

Extension specialists estimate there are 1,000 direct farm marketing operations in Michigan.

"Farm-stay vacations are part of a thriving industry in other states. This is one aspect of tourism that has tremendous potential in Michigan's rural areas," Lowe concluded.

The legislation is in the House Tourism and Recreation Committee.

Open house at New Life Community Center



ADMIRING A STAINED-GLASS VERSION—A stained-glass version of the New Life Community Service logo, designed by Judy Woodland, was put on display at the recent open house of the St. Francis Human Resource Center.

Admiring the work are Monte Burnmeister, a member of the executive committee of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce; the Rev. Jacquie Guernsey, New Life counselor, and Deacon at St. Francis; Judy Woodland, secretary at New Life and at St. Francis; Carol Todoroff, warden of St. Francis Episcopal Church bishop's committee; and Roberta Buss, agency director of New Life.

Although the community center has been open for some time, St. Francis held the open house to offer the public a look at the outreach program, which they established in 1987.

New Life Community Service is a human services agency, dedicated to improving the spiritual, emotional, mental, physical and social conditions of people in the area.

A tax-exempt, non-profit foundation, New Life provides comprehensive services, including education, substance-abuse prevention, counseling, referrals and empowerment to all who seek their services.

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Property owners divided on Higgins Lake access

By Nedra Pickler
Capital News Service

"Road-ends" on Higgins Lake have divided the surrounding Roscommon County community, pitting those who use them for public access against lakefront property owners.

The roads ending at Higgins Lake were created for "non-exclusive use," so the area could be used as an access site for the public to launch boats.

The interpretation of "non-exclusive use" has been a source of conflict. Lakefront property owners contend road-end access should be limited to boat owners.

They are calling for regulation of road-ends, including a limit on dock-use hours and bans against boat mooring, sunbathing, lounging, picnicking and the use of controlled substances.

They say visitors to the lake invade their privacy by using access sites as public parks, even late at night.

"The whole idea is that this is how people get out on the lake and back on

the land," said Bob Frye, Higgins Lake Property Owners Association president. "To have any other use would be disastrous."

But residents whose property is not next to the water say the lake is public property and they should be able to enjoy it.

"What good is a cabin near a lake when you can't access the water?" asked Lee Teichman, who owns a cabin in the neighborhood behind Higgins Lake.

Teichman said the lakefront residents' claims of wild parties and noise are exaggerated.

"About one-half of 1 percent of any of that is true," he said. "It is nothing but wholesome, family fun."

Rep. John Gemaat of McBain, chairs a House Republican task force that has been studying the issue. Gemaat said the problem of public access is not limited to Higgins Lake.

"I've had calls from all over the state about this issue," he said.

Dave Hall, president of the Hamlin

Lake Association, said his Mason County neighborhood is one that has not had a problem with public access. He said most visitors can launch boats from Wilson Hill Park, so they do not normally use the public access sites.

Cindy Kretschmer, legislative assistant for the Michigan Townships Association, surveyed townships about public access. She said some places reported problems, while others did not.

The varying situations call for the legislature to give townships the ability to regulate road-ends if necessary, she said.

"Our members have said a 1-size-fits-all approach would not be acceptable," Kretschmer said.

Gemaat said his task force is still studying the issue, and it has not decided if legislative action is necessary.

"If it's something we can do at the state level that will benefit all the people in the state, then we will introduce the legislation."

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River House names board members

Recently, River House Shelter announced that two new members have been added to their advisory board, Marilyn Dale of Roscommon and Marti Ingvarsson of Grayling.

"We are all very pleased to have Marilyn and Marti on board," said the shelter director, Feme Farber. "Each will add their unique talents and compliment the group," said Farber.

River House, which will be celebrating its 10th anniversary in October, has relied on its advisory board for support and assistance with various legal and other issues faced by adult and child victims. "I know I can call board members for advice, and they are always ready to help," said the director.

Other board members include Chairperson Ilene Geiss-Wilson of

Frederic, Vice-Chair Jim Mueller of Prudenville, Dora Lantzsch and Debra Larson, both of Roscommon, Dave

Lovely of Grayling, Kathryn Root of Comins, and Bryan Thompson of Houghton Lake.

Hilltop Manor Health Care Center responds to public notice

Facility management at Hilltop Manor Health Care Center in Roscommon, recently announced that the facility will continue to participate in the Medicare/Medicaid programs as a skilled nursing-care provider, contrary to a recent notice which was posted in a local newspaper, by the Survey and Certification branch of the Division of Health Standards and Quality.

On Feb. 18, the Crawford County Avalanche printed a notice in which the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) indicated that the facility's provider agreements under the Medicare/Medicaid programs would be terminated on March 14. In a letter to the facility

dated Feb. 27, the Department of Public Health in Lansing, stated that a second revisit survey conducted at the center on Feb. 15, found the facility to be in substantial compliance with all federal and state nursing home regulatory requirements.

Carole Duquette, administrator, stated, "While we regret that this miscommunication of information has occurred, we want to assure our residents, their families and our staff that we will continue to operate, business as usual. We encourage those persons who have questions related to the center to give us a call or come visit us. The comfort and care of our residents, as always, is our first and foremost concern."

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River House Shelter lauds national domestic violence hotline

"The first federal round-the-clock toll-free domestic violence hotline, announced by President Clinton last week, will save lives and help countless battered women protect themselves and their children," Ferné Farber, director of the River House Shelter said recently. The new hotline will provide immediate crisis intervention counseling and referrals, and direct connection to emergency services and shelters nationwide.

"Domestic violence is a devastating epidemic in this area and throughout our nation," said Farber. "For too long, women have had to struggle to find the services they need. Through this unprecedented hotline, every woman who suffers from abuse will be able to get help whenever she needs it, no matter where she lives. We are

delighted that President Clinton has taken this important step to help battered women and their children."

The hotline number is 1-800-799 SAFE (1-800-799-7233); the TDD number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-787-3224.

River House serves victims from the four counties of Crawford, Roscommon, Ogemaw and Oscoda. In addition to the safe home, services offered include food, clothing, financial and medical assistance, transportation, individual and group counseling, advocacy, special programs for youth and public education.

River House can be accessed 24 hours a day by calling (517) 348-8972. Collect calls are accepted.

Support group formed for Buchanan for President

In anticipation of Michigan's March 19 presidential primary, citizens of northern Michigan have responded to Pat Buchanan's call and formed a northern Michigan support group. Public meetings will be held throughout northern Michigan prior to the primary. Although the group has no officers, anyone can add their name to the roster of supporters by

calling Don Welser, (517) 348-8959.

A "Go Pat Go" northern Michigan rally will be held at 6:30 p.m., Friday, March 8, at the American Legion Hall in Grayling. Several interesting speakers will be featured, including co-chairman of Buchanan for President campaign, Burl Adkins, and former state representative and economist, Dr. Stephen Dresch.

Grayling Viking Band Boosters to sponsor new fund raiser

Members of the Grayling Viking Band Boosters, along with local businesses and restaurants have joined together for an exciting new fund raiser. The band boosters and the band students will be selling a certificate containing coupons that offer great savings at participating businesses and restaurants. The certificate is valued at over \$600, and entitles the owner to many special offers and discounts such as 2-for-1 lunches, dinners, subs, golf, movie rentals, sandwiches at McDonald's, pizza savings, and

savings at Ray's Canoe Rentals.

Each certificate has nine coupons in all, one for each of the businesses participating. Each coupon is good for numerous visits, and does not expire until October, 1996. The certificates make great gifts for family and friends too. The certificates will be available starting March 15, and will sell for \$15. They will only be available for a short time, and quantities are limited, so watch next week's Avalanche for more details.

County bows out of gypsy moth control, private program to continue

As a result of recent low populations of gypsy moth, very few people responded to the phone-in request for gypsy moth egg mass survey of their property, or attended the annual scoping meeting in 1995. As a result of that low interest, combined with the fact that the gypsy moth population appeared to be low, the Crawford County Board of Commissioners has decided that the gypsy moth was not prevalent enough to justify a program to manage it. With the termination of the program, all official monitoring of the insect and survey of resident-owned woodlands has stopped.

Last summer, however, saw an upswing in the population of the gypsy moth in Crawford County. Several areas of moderate to severe infestation were found and several hundreds of acres of forest were severely defoliated. In an effort to keep the gypsy moth

under control for at least another year, former county gypsy moth program director, Howard Taylor, has made contact with aerial applicators and will conduct a local spray program for those who are interested. Anyone interested in the spray program should contact him at 348-5187. The proposed spray program will work similar to the county-sponsored program of the past, except that payment will be made directly to the applicator, and in order to be sprayed land owners will have to make their requests known.

Spraying will be conducted under the same strict regulations as in the past. The product to be sprayed will be the same as past years, as will the rate of spray. Residents who are giving consideration to spraying for gypsy moth control should get their requests in by April 15.

News anchor is guest speaker at Kiwanis



NEWS ANCHOR TALKS TO CLUB—Kiwanis Club of Grayling members listen as TV 9&10's Michigan This Morning news anchor Stacey Adams (center) tells what goes on at the television station.

TV 9&10's Michigan This Morning news anchor Stacey Adams, was the guest speaker at the Kiwanis Club of Grayling's meeting on Monday, Feb. 19.

Adams told the club what it is like to be an early-morning news anchor. Her day starts when most people are still asleep. After arriving at the station, Adams said there is a lot of preparation that goes on behind the scenes before going on the air. Some things she mentioned were getting news stories off the wires and making sure the camera angles are just right. Adams also does special reports, most recently on drinking water in northern Michigan.

"Stacey was very entertaining," John Smock, Kiwanis Club program chairman said. "Being from Florida, Stacey said winter driving has been an

Lowe offers free tax guide

A guide to assist Michigan taxpayers with their 1995 returns is available free of charge from the Lansing office of state Rep. Allen Lowe, R-Grayling.

The 105th district lawmaker said the publication also is at area post offices and county courthouses. The districts include Alcona, Antrim, Crawford, Kalkaska, Montmorency, Oscoda and Otsego counties.

"The 1995 Michigan Taxpayer's guide contains concise, practical information that helps residents filing their own returns stay abreast of the latest policies. I urge everyone to pick up a copy," Lowe said.

The guide has tax forms and a list of phone numbers for assistance. For more information, call Lowe's office at (517) 373-0829.

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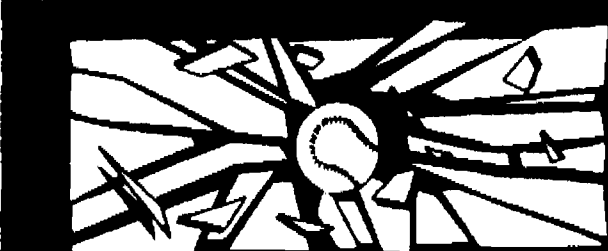
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ALMANACK By Richard Milliman

Pat Buchanan cuts a wide swath

PAT BUCHANAN, an unlikely American president if ever there was one, seems to be marching through the 1996 pre-nominating process like Gen. Sherman marched through Georgia.

And some Republican boosters fear the result to their party, politically speaking, may be nearly as devastating.

Gen. Sherman left Georgia a post-Civil War mess, and his famous march contributed to the long recovery of the South.

Many Buchanan critics predict the candidate's march through the presidential primary and caucuses season may have similar effect on the Republican party.

There's no denying the Buchanan message resonates—to use a popular political catchword of the day—with broadening audiences.

IN SOME WAYS, Mr. Buchanan is heir to a developing line of Republican thought.

Sen. Barry Goldwater 32 years ago excited many of the same passions Mr. Buchanan excites today.

Religious broadcaster Pat Robertson as a candidate mined many of the same veins of Republican fervor a

dozen or so years ago.

In a sense, Mr. Buchanan is a direct descendant.

In Mr. Goldwater's day, the John Birch Society, among other groups, reflected the extremism of the right which flocks to Mr. Buchanan today. In Mr. Robertson's efforts, the Moral Majority and other religious activists rallied, as they do today to Mr. Buchanan.

As before, these elements are not in the mainstream of the Republican party, but they are strong and vocal.

Some observers hear an echo of the George Wallace of 20 years or so ago in Pat Buchanan, and in many ways, they seem to fit.

Buchanan rhetoric—much of it contentious, some of it outrageous—invites such comparisons.

THOSE WHO know Mr. Buchanan in another life indicate he is a delightful person, with a quick wit and an engaging personality.

Between campaigns—he also challenged then-President George Bush in 1992—he is a television and newspaper commentator. Earlier he wrote speeches for Republican

Presidents.

But he's not held elected office or run a business or anything like that. He's always dealt not in deeds, but in words and ideas.

Some questions obviously arise:

Is Pat Buchanan serious? Does he really want to be President? Does he really think he can make it?

From this distance, I would guess the answers are: "Yes"...and a couple of "Wells..."

He appears to be serious in what he is saying—most of the time, although suspicion lingers that some of what he says is primarily for effect...to create a bit of outrage...to gather a bit of attention.

But he genuinely appears to want to see the political debate at least consider the planks of his campaign, which largely have been otherwise ignored.

WHEN HE got into this campaign, I would guess Mr. Buchanan entertained no serious notion that he would ever become President, so he doesn't really know even yet if he really wants the job.

But he's probably enjoying every minute of his campaign these days,

and at this point probably is thinking: "Hey, wait a minute. Maybe I can really win this thing..."

The lionizing and adoration that goes with a major candidacy can become beguiling and seductive. Throngs shout your name, and profess their love. They hang on every word. You're courted, and nourished, and pampered. After a while, if he's not careful, a candidate can start believing his own campaign propaganda.

It's still a long, long shot for Pat Buchanan, either to end up the Republican nominee, or to win the White House.

But even if nothing more positive happens to Mr. Buchanan, on result of his candidacy is certain:

His earning power for writings and speeches and personal appearances next year have certainly gone sky high...which, a cynic might muse, could have been what he was really after all the time.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

City resident responds to frozen pipe problem

To the editor,
They say you don't miss the water till the well runs dry. How true!

I recently called the city as our water had frozen. They had been at our neighbors thawing theirs on Tuesday. Tuesday night, ours was frozen. I called the city Wednesday morning. Thursday afternoon, two city workers came. After working for awhile, we were told they couldn't thaw us. Because of some rubber connection the city puts in, they could not get an arc.

We asked what we were suppose to do. The reply was, wait until spring when it will thaw itself. The choices

given me did not make me happy. I felt this was the city's fault, they need to solve it.

After a call to the mayor and the police chief, my problem still wasn't solved. After a call to a lawyer, board of health, and finally to Mr. Ralph Stevens of the city commission, I finally felt I would get results.

Finally, Friday morning, two very nice gentlemen from the city came and got me results. Thank you Steve CdeBaca and Bob Ahms. Thanks also to my neighbors the Isenhauers, and a special thanks to Ralph Stevens.

Sally McPherson,
Grayling

Hanson Hills appreciated for family fun

To the editor,

My family and I would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to the Grayling Recreation Authority for providing Hanson Hills and a fun-for-the-whole-family environment. Since purchasing a home on the Manistee River, we have been members of Hanson Hills. Our children have learned how to ski there, have participated in the ski clinic (sponsored by Grayling State Bank, and who we would also like to publicly thank also, along with John Alef and Mark Sloan), sledged, partied at their family fun nights, and the list goes on and on.

The staff at Hanson Hills, Cindy Olson-director, Ken Erickson, Bob Kelly, just to name a few, have made an incredible team to put together programs for the community that are fun, safe and family oriented, and it is

definitely a place to enjoy and recommend to family and friends.

I hope that the Crawford County community realizes the jewel that they have with the Grayling Recreation Authority (GRA) and the many activities that they have to offer. Many of us do not realize just how much of the work done at the GRA is done by volunteers. Without the support and dedication of these very important folks, many of the activities and programs would not be able to be provided for our enjoyment.

Our family has also enjoyed the fun at the fish hatchery. We enjoyed many fresh trout dinners from our catch at the hatchery last summer, and hope to do so again this summer.

Our family intends to continue our membership and participation for many years to come.

James P. Montagne,
Livonia

Assistant adjutant general committed to cooperation on airport

To the editor,

In your Feb. 27 edition of Letters to the Editor, Dr. Alan Bersted wrote a very disconcerting article about the Department of Military Affairs involvement in the county commissioner's decision to withdraw from further operations at Grayling Army Airfield. He asserted that we have dealt uncooperatively with the commissioners and made it impossible for them to keep the civilian portion of the airport open.

I feel it is imperative we let the residents of Crawford County know that our department is genuinely interested in working with the county to develop civilian operations at the airfield. While these negotiations may sometimes seem cumbersome and unworkable, I am convinced we can maintain a mutually-rewarding partnership.

As late as Feb. 3, 1996, our department developed a proposal, based on a request from the commissioners, to turn over 16.4 acres of the airfield to the county, for their development. We worked this proposal with the Army Corps of Engineers, because the federal government owns the airfield, on behalf of the county. Before the commission had a chance to act on our latest initiative, to my

surprise, they decided not to pursue further interests at the airport. I suspect the defeat of the October millage for airport development, also entered into the commissioners decision-making process.

A few years ago, my predecessor entered into a 5-year agreement with the county to split the costs of airfield snow removal. During the winter, our training operations principally involved helicopters, practically eliminating our requirement for three months. Nevertheless, I am prepared to renew this agreement.

Finally, I regret any measure of miscommunication, or misunderstanding that anyone might associate with this department's interest in working with the county. While I can't begin to address all the issues, past and present, attached to airport development in this letter, I do want to assure the commissioners, the residents of Crawford County and Dr. Bersted, that my door is wide open for continued dialogue. I am unconditionally committed to cooperative negotiation and compromise.

Robert V. Taylor
BG, MIARNG
Assistant Adjutant General
for Army

JIM FITZGERALD

A few years ago, while pretending to be Ann Landers, I wrote about the male mid-life crisis which caused many middle-age husbands to bare their chests, wear necklaces and dump their wives in favor of trophy dollies. In pleading innocent, I said if I'd had a mid-life crisis, I must have slept through it.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, middle age is from 46 to 66, so technically it will be about three more years before I'm safe from the urge to leave my shirt buttons unbuttoned. But something tells me that if I were ever going to stray into a mid-life dalliance, it would have been 10 or so years ago. The something that tells me this also tells me to decline invitations to dine in dally territory because my companions might be put off by my strict after-dinner regiment—turn on TV and fall asleep.

Anyway, now it turns out the mid-life crisis has been greatly overhyped. Last week, it was announced that a study made by an organization of 37,000 family physicians reached this conclusion: "Mid-life crisis is a popular notion. But our report finds little evidence for crisis in middle age and abundant confirmation of a gradual awakening to life's bounty."

In most cases, life's bounty includes your spouse. A sure signal that there is a suspicion of Fletcher Christian on the bounty is when one spouse says to

Character takes it on chin when mid-life blahs set in

the other: "We have to talk." Movie and TV characters are always saying that, as the background music becomes funeral. My wife said it to me only once.

"We have to talk," she said when I came home from work one evening about 20 years ago. My life flashed before my eyes and it was boring. Whatever the charge, I knew I was innocent. Maybe I'd been framed. Parents Without Partners dances are full of innocent men.

"You have to have a vasectomy," she said.

The pill made her sick and there'd been two miscarriages. I think she thought I was going to protest, otherwise there'd have been no ominous preface. She would simply have made an appointment and ordered me to show up on time, the same way she got my teeth cleaned and my health checked.

But recently, the police had talked to me about our youngest child—he got off with probation—and our oldest child had announced we were going to be grandparents. My agreement to cease begetting was spontaneous, not to mention joyous. I was snipped inside a week, not to mention elsewhere.

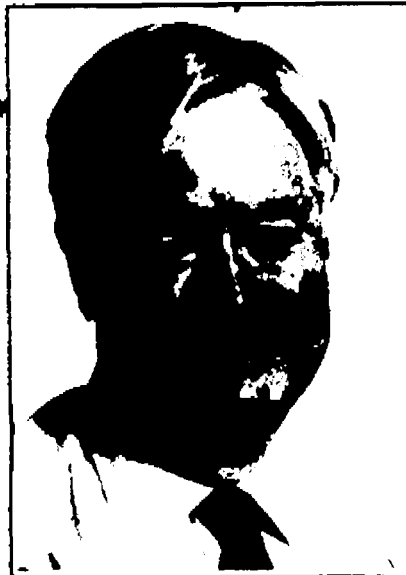
Anyway, in 1980, when I suggested I slept through the mid-life crisis that would have broken my marriage vows, several readers reacted doubtfully. They said I'd been faithful more because of my appearance than my laziness. Their explanation of my fidelity was that it took two to mess around, and I didn't have the physical characteristics required to attract a partner. My own little sister, Nancy the Itch, described me as having "more chins than a Chinese phone book."

And there was this note from Paul J.

Hunter of Detroit: "Back in the olden days, the *Detroit News* had a columnist named H.C.L. Jackson. His was a friendly, witty, innocuous column. Like yours. In response to many outcries, he admitted he wasn't exactly a John Boles or a Robert Taylor. His photo was a part of the headline for the column. Like yours. He solved the problem by having a new photo taken—of the back of his head. It was an improvement. Just a suggestion, Fitz."

Well, All I can say to Hunter is that a man old enough to remember actor John Boles probably doesn't look like Tom Cruise, either, and should be kinder to his peers.

I'm pained by charges that my face,



not my character, prevented my participation in extra-marital relations. I wouldn't have mentioned them, except I didn't want you to think my earlier mention of Fletcher Christian was the most outrageous thing I wrote today. This is:

If you ascribe my monogamy to my physiognomy, who do you think you are, Cole Porter?



You never want to give a man a present when he's feeling good. You want to do it when he's down.

Lyndon B. Johnson

American Viewpoints

Courthouse Square

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MAYBE YOU CAN BREAK A LEG TO GET YOUR MONEY'S WORTH!

Correction

The Avalanche incorrectly listed the author of a letter to the editor in the Feb. 29 issue as Eleanor Mize. The letter's author was actually Elouise Mize. We regret any inconvenience this may have caused.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line.

Every letter must be signed and an address and phone number should be included. Letters will

not be published without the author's name.

Letters are limited to 500 words.

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not reflect the views of the Crawford County Avalanche.



Community Education to offer Ukrainian egg decorating classes

The Crawford AuSable Community Education Program is sponsoring a 1-day Ukrainian egg decorating class on three different Saturdays in March. Area residents can learn the history of the egg and how to do them, as well as acquiring the tools of the trade. Each class session is limited to 10 participants at \$30 per session. Sign-up deadline is two weeks prior to the course. The first session will be held on March 9, at Grayling High School, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The second session will be held on Saturday, March 16, and the third 1-day session will be held on Saturday, March 23. All classes are set to be held at Grayling High School from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The pysanka, a decorated egg which, since pagan times, symbolized nature's rebirth in the spring, was common among all Slavic peoples. As a ritual object celebrating the cult of the sun, various forms of the pysanka were also prevalent among the eastern Mediterranean nations 5,000 to 3,000 years before Christ. With the coming

of Christianity, the pysanka became a part of the Easter traditions of various nations, including Ukraine. Here it underwent the greatest growth and richest ornamentation.

The original solar symbols used in pysanka design were brought to Ukraine through trade and travel by way of the Black Sea. In many other countries, these motifs disappeared under the influences of alternative art forms. The geographical location of Ukraine made it less accessible than other countries to new cultural influences so that rich ornamentation of pysanka design was able to flourish and grow.

In the 20th century, this art form underwent a decline due to religious repression. The perpetuation of Easter traditions and customs was forbidden. Much of the knowledge which had been passed down through the generations was forgotten. Museum collections of Pysanka were either destroyed or hidden. In spite of this, the art of pysanka decoration was

retained in many villages, particularly in western Ukraine.

The eventual rebirth of pysanka was welcomed by Ukrainians in the free world. During the Easter holidays, there is a pysanka in every Ukrainian home. It is taken to church to be blessed and is presented as an Easter greeting gift to family members and friends. This revival is evidenced by a flourishing interest in the technique, history and symbolic significance of pysanka design. Pysanka ornamentation has its own deep-rooted symbolism, which is expressed by the decorative design and motifs.

Area residents are invited to learn the art and history of the pysanka egg, under the instruction of Marjorie Len, who has a strong background in this art. Classes are limited to 10 participants per session so everyone is encouraged to sign up early. For more information, contact the Crawford AuSable Community Education Department at 348-7641, extension 550 days, or extension 123 evenings.

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THIS WEEK'S FEATURE

Friday, March 8 - Thursday, March 14

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BROKEN ARROW

"IT WILL BLOW YOU AWAY!"
- Peter Travers, ROLLING STONE

Musical theater returns to Interlochen

Broadway star and Interlochen alum Adam Pelty and his wife, actress Dani Davis, will direct the academy's first musical theatre production in 10 years on two consecutive weekends in March. *Tinypes* will be presented in the new Phoenix theater on campus Friday and Saturday, March 8 and 9, at 8 p.m., with a Sunday, March 10 matinee at 2 p.m. It will again be presented Saturday, March 16, at 8 p.m. in the Phoenix.

Tinypes is a musical walk through the history of the United States from the turn of the 20th century through WWI. Through song and dance numbers, the audience sees America from the eyes of a poor immigrant named "Charlie," a Chaplinesque figure who is alternately bewildered and inspired by the wondrous country he discovers around him. Musical numbers in the production range from

ragtime to gospel to barbershop singing, with such traditional favorites as *Yankee Doodle Boy*, *Meet Me In St. Louis*, *Shortnin' Bread*, *I'll Take You Home Again Kathleen* and many others.

Co-director of the production is Pelty's wife, Dani Davis, who also has Broadway experience.

"It's a show with a message of hope and desire for better lives in America," Davis said from the stage of the Phoenix during a recent rehearsal. "We think we have come a long way in 100 years, yet America's desires, concerns and loves remain the same."

Theatre Arts Division Chair David Montee describes the show as entertaining and uplifting—a delight for the entire family.

"We are enthused about the new musical theater project and what it adds to the department, and hope to

make it a part of our curriculum," said Montee.

The Leelanau Children's Choir, organized three years ago, is made up of children in grades 3-8 from various Leelanau County schools. It holds weekly practices under the direction of Margaret Bell, and gives two public concerts each year. Proceeds will benefit the choir with operational costs, including purchasing music, folders and robes.

The Interlochen Arts Academy Theatre Arts Division provides pre-professional training in all aspects of performance, including design and production, to 50 high school students from around the country. Repertoire during the academy year, ranges from Shakespeare to contemporary plays, with design and production majors designing and producing scenery, costumes and lighting.

The Flying Karamazov's perform at Interlochen

Juggling skill and humor with ease is what The Flying Karamazov Brothers do best. This zany foursome will present the murder-mystery *Club Sandwich* to prove it on Monday, March 11, at Interlochen Center for the Arts. The 7:30 p.m. concert will be held in Corson Auditorium.

For tickets and information, contact the Interlochen Box Office at (616) 276-6230.

The Interlochen Arts Festival event is an amazing, live-on-stage presentation of the story of three happy-go-lucky juggling millionaires and

their long-suffering butler. Follow them from New York's glitzy Park Avenue, to the desert vastness of Cairo, as they search for the ancient self-juggling Clubs of the Pharaohs. Hearts will soar to new heights in a gritty, hysterical love rectangle. As their fans say, "This is comedy to die for!" The brothers provide an evening of strange and wonderful entertainment with their joking, dancing, singing, juggling and cavorting.

Concert-goers are encouraged to participate in their wacky humor by bringing items to juggle.

Interlochen orchestra to perform Mozart Requiem

The Interlochen Arts Academy Orchestra and Choir and four soloists will perform Mozart's *Requiem* Saturday, March 9, in Corson Auditorium on the Interlochen campus.

Tickets to the 8 p.m. concert will be available at the door—\$5 for adults and \$3 for students 18 and under. For additional information, contact the Interlochen Box Office at (616) 276-6230.

This unparalleled religious work, written by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart in 1791, will feature four noted soloists:

Interlochen voice faculty Nicole Philibosian, soprano, Ron Gentry, tenor and Jeffrey Norris, baritone. Kathleen Strang of Battle Creek will sing alto.

Over 100 high school musicians in the Interlochen Arts Academy Orchestra and Choir will perform under the direction of conductor Matthew S. Hazelwood. The ensemble will then travel to East Lansing, for an afternoon performance in East Lansing the next day, Sunday, March 10, at St. Thomas Aquinas Church.

Organizational meeting set for GHS class of '66 reunion

Members of the Grayling High School class of 1966 are invited to a meeting on Tuesday, March 12, to discuss the upcoming 30th anniversary reunion.

The reunion is set for Saturday, Aug. 3 at the Grayling Country Club, but volunteers are needed to plan the details of the event.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the offices of the Crawford County Avalanche at 102 Michigan Avenue, in Grayling.

For more information, persons may contact Carlotta Jurkovich-Rochette during business hours at 348-2841.

Date is set for Milltown Follies

A tentative date of May 17-18, has been set for the 1996 Milltown Follies.

Dancers will rehearse at 1 p.m. at the Holiday Inn (Speakeasy Saloon), starting March 5. Singers will rehearse at Michelson Memorial Church starting March 7, at 3:30 p.m.

For more information call Ann Doty, 348-9543, or Carolyn Rakoczy, 348-8909.

Interlochen Jazz Ensemble to perform March 8

The award-winning Interlochen Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Combo will perform Friday, March 8, in the Michael P. Dendrinos Chapel/Recital Hall at 8 p.m. Tickets are available at the door, however, it is suggested that concert-goers arrive early to secure

seating. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

Under the direction of Bill Sears, this dynamic and energetic ensemble will play pieces by a variety of jazz composers including Charles Mingus,

Herbie Hancock, Jeff Jarvis and Neil Slater. Featured during the concert will be Interlochen's visiting guitar instructor Bob Ferrazza in the soul-jazz classic *Sidewinder* by Lee Morgan.

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FRI. 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "ALICE IN WONDERLAND" performed @ Kirtland Community College, 9:30 am, 11 am, 1 pm. Call (517) 275-6777 for ticket information. • MS PLAY @ auditorium, 7:30 pm.
SAT. 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "RIVER CITY BRASS BAND" performs @ Kirtland Community College, 8 pm. Call (517) 275-6777 for ticket information. • MS PLAY @ auditorium, 7:30 pm.
SUN. 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today.
MON. 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GRAYLING CITY COUNCIL MEETING. • KIWANIS LUNCHEON MEETING @ 12:10 pm, Chief Shoppenagon's Motor Hotel. • WELCOME WAGON NEWCOMERS meeting @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 6 pm. For more information call Betty @ 348-8562. • MS SPIRIT WEEK thru 15th.
TUES. 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CRAWFORD COUNTY RESOURCE COUNCIL meeting @ Amicare Home Health Care office, 12 noon. New members welcome. • NEW BEGINNINGS stomach stapling support group @ Mercy Hospital private dining room, 7 pm. • GRAYLING PROMOTIONAL ASSOCIATION luncheon meeting @ noon, Iron Gate Restaurant. • GRAYLING UPTOWN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION meeting @ 8 am, Stevens Family Circle. • AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY meeting @ Grayling State Bank, 1 pm. • CORE (Court Order Reform & Equity) meeting @ Beaver Creek Recreation Center, 7 pm. Call 348-9708 for more information.
WED. 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ROTARY LUNCHEON MEETING @ Chief Shoppenagon's Motor Hotel, 12 noon. • WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church on M-72 W., weigh-in 4:45; meeting 5:30 pm. For more information call Sandy @ 348-5321. • PROJECT GRADUATION MEETING @ high school, 7 pm.

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The Bible Speaks

From the Calvary Baptist Church

Environment of Sin?

Some scientists claim the pollution of industrial man is altering our world weather patterns. They assume global warming, record-cold temperatures, floods and drought are problems which can only be solved by more government control of our lives and property. They cannot see beyond "mother" earth, endangered species, and a fragile ecology system.

Those who believe the Bible know God our Father is still sovereign over all activity in the universe. The God who created all things has always used weather as part of His blessing and/or judgement upon earth. In Genesis, God used rain and water to destroy all human life upon earth except Noah's family. In Exodus, God sent violent rain with lightning and huge hail stones as one of 10 plagues against Pharaoh and Egypt.

We are reminded in *Leviticus 26:4* that it is God who sends seasonal rain to meet the needs of crops. In *Deuteronomy 28:12*, God promised

Israel to bless their obedience and make them a lender nation through abundant crops. "The LORD shall open unto thee the good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand; and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow." Yet, Israel was warned that if they disobeyed God, He would withhold rain and destroy them. "The LORD shall make the rain of thy land power and dust: from heaven shall it come down upon thee, until thou be destroyed." (*Deuteronomy 28:24*)

In *1 Kings* we read of God sending a three and one-half year drought upon Israel until Elijah prayed and God sent rain. Read *James 5:17,18*. In *Zechariah 14:17, 18*, God reminded us that He would in the future punish heathen nations that refused to worship Him by withholding rain and bringing plagues upon them. God often sends bad weather, insects, and diseases upon disobedient nations. (*2 Chronicles 7:13*)

Another form of God's judgement is altered flood and drought at the same time upon the same land. "And also I have withholden the rain from you, when [there were] yet three months to the harvest;" and I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city: one piece was rained upon, and the piece whereupon it rained not withered." (*Amos 4:7*) Have you recognized these patterns of judgement upon America?

Repentance from sin, and true faith in God are the Bible's answers to America's problems. "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." (*2 Chronicles 7:14*)

Pastor "B"

"The Bible Speaks" is paid for by concerned Christians who support Grayling Calvary Baptist Church and who assume full responsibility for its content.

Heritage Baptist Church celebrates 10th anniversary

On March 10, Heritage Baptist Church of Grayling, is celebrating its 10th anniversary. In March of 1986, a group of people began meeting in the home of Randy and Yvonne Lavrack. They moved into the Grayling High School band room in April. James VanLiere was called as the pastor, and his first Sunday was Nov. 9, 1986.

The church purchased five acres of land on M-93 near where the new DNR buildings are now. The land was purchased in October of 1987, and land clearing began in December of the same year. In April of 1989, a ground-breaking ceremony was held on the property. Footings for the building were poured on June 10, 1989.

After months of hard work, with

church people and other volunteers providing most of the labor, their first Sunday service was held on Dec. 3, 1989.

Pastor VanLiere and his wife, Shirley, continued their faithful service to the Lord in the Grayling community until Pastor suffered severe heart problems in February, 1995. After his doctor made the recommendation, Pastor VanLiere asked to be dismissed from his pastoral duties. This was done in November, 1995, and a search was undertaken for a new pastor. Ernie Wagner was called to be the new pastor and began his duties Jan. 1.

Heritage Baptist Church looks forward to serving Jesus Christ in this community with Pastor Wagner, his wife Lynn, and their daughter Whitney, for many more years. As Heritage Baptist Church celebrates their 10th anniversary, they invite the public to join them for their special service, March 10, at 11 a.m. A meal will be served following the morning service, and all are invited to stay.

O.E.S. NEWS

The ladies of the Order of the Eastern Star honored the Masons with a potluck dinner on Wednesday, Feb. 21. An evening of card games were enjoyed after the meal.

It was greatly appreciated for those who attended the February meeting and special events, as many are vacationing to warmer climates.

Hope to have a nice turnout at the March 6, regular meeting.

LaCroix to play at Bear Lake

Bear Lake Christian Church in Kalkaska, will be providing an evening of praise and worship, and a concert performed by The LaCroix Family Music Ministry, Saturday evening at 7 p.m. on March 9.

The public is welcome and refreshments will be served.

Church Directory



Charming Chap-Chumley

It's unfortunate, I say, that people have a wrong impression of Chumley. He's really a capital fellow. Friendly, agreeable, always faithful. It's just a shame that folks judge Chumley by appearance.

There is one place in our community where folks are learning to see one another and the world through honest eyes. It's in God's House.

As we learn more about the power and love of God, we begin to gain a deeper understanding of His creation. We behold nature with reverent appreciation of its awe and wonder. We see people as reflections - however imperfect - of their Maker.

Our churches and synagogues are constantly stressing our spiritual potential...helping us become the people God intends us to be!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Psalm 51	Psalm 86	Psalm 99	Psalm 103	Psalm 130	Exodus 34:1-8	2 Chronicles 7:11-22

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First Baptist Church Of Frederic
Pastor Dale Hammond
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study 7 p.m.

Christian Science Society
209 First St. - Suite 103 - Gaylord
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
April through October
2nd Wednesday 8 p.m.

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church
Pastor J. Douglas Paterson
400 Michigan Ave.
348-2974
Sunday Worship 9:30 & 11 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45-10:45 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship 12 noon
Bible Study (Wed.) 10 a.m.

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor David Stramel
Phone 348-4445
Services held Saturday at Camp AuSable off M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance).
Church Service 9:30 a.m.
Sabbath School 10:30 a.m.
Prayer Meeting Tues 7 p.m.

Grayling Assembly of God
Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor
701 S. I-75 Business Loop
Church 348-8885-Parsonage 348-2588
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth-Children 7 p.m.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
President Larry A. Cook
600 North Elm St., Grayling
Sacrament 10 a.m.
Sunday School 11 a.m.
Primary 11 a.m.
Priesthood 12 noon
Relief Society 12 noon

Heritage Baptist
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.
1/4 mile west of I-75
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.

St. John Evangelical Lutheran (ELCA)
Pastor Robert Cochran
710 Spruce St. - Phone 348-5224
Bible School 9:15 a.m.
Adult Bible Study 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Nursery is available

Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Pastor Lacey Stephan, Jr.
Corner of North Down River Rd. and South Millikin Rd.
Church School 9:45 a.m.
Preaching 11 a.m.
Midweek Service Prayer 7 p.m.

Gaylord Christian Reformed
Rev. V. Schaap
415 Ohio North
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church
Robert W. Nalley, J.C.L., Pastor
Lee Ann Duncley, Pastoral Associate
702 Peninsular - 348-7657
Sabbath Eucharist
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Sunday 9 & 11 a.m.
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Tuesday & Thursday 7 p.m.
Wednesday & Friday 9:30 a.m.
Sacrament of Reconciliation, anytime by appointment, Saturday at 4 p.m. and 1/2 hour prior to weekday masses.

Calvary Assembly of God
Rev. Lawrence Cook
250 Lake St. - Roscommon - 275-5309
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Evening Service 6 p.m.
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DOODLES FROM THE TALL TIMBER

By Wendell L. Hoover, Park Interpreter,
North Higgins Lake State Park

Dedicated to those who have Gaelic ancestors and to those feminine historical re-enactors, my wife and Donna Carmean, who research and reproduce the clothing of the era.

The hooded cloak, known as the Kinsale cloak, is a symbol of Ireland, and has been since about 800 AD. The Kinsale cloak is a full, sleeveless garment reaching from the chin to the ankles, opening in the front. The material is gathered over the shoulders into a generous collar sewn in with a large hood which hangs down the back

when not in use.

The Irish have a long tradition of an all-enveloping outer garment, which evolved to its present state near the end of the 16th century, when Gaelic dress was banned by English legislation. The hood was added during this period, and the cloak became a symbol of Irishness in English eyes. After the banning of Gaelic dress, women came to wear the cloak exclusively, while men took to wearing the great coat. The bright colors of the past were exchanged for greys, browns

and black in an effort to keep a low profile with landlords and the military. Most cloaks are now black and fine tailoring and quality fabric is more prized than richness of color and decoration. The cloak became a family heirloom handed on from mother to daughter.

By the 1700s, the Kinsale cloak had become the female national costume, but during the potato famine of the 1840s, the use of the cloak began to die out mostly due to the poverty of the people. As economic conditions improved, the cloak again regained its place as a family heirloom. The cloak was a constant companion in the life

of the Irish, providing protection day or night, whatever the weather, and wherever one found him or herself, even following a person to the grave as a burial mantle. No other garment is quite so practical, graceful or versatile.

Serge and broadcloth are the types of woolen fabric used in the traditional cloak with linings of silk, silk satin, or sateen the same color as the outer fabric. Frieze, a peculiarly Irish fabric with a heavily frizzed nap, was the one most often woven for cloaks. The dyes used were mainly madder (red), indigo (blue) and saffron (yellowish-orange). The most sought after fabric was made from black sheepswool because it would not fade.

The production of the fabric from which such a special garment was made generated a whole set of unique legends: such as it was best to work the wool while the sheep were at rest between 6 p.m. and 12 midnight when the fairies appeared, the wool was much more easy to handle during that time and tangled threads could be undone without any trouble. When weaving was done at night, the thread would not break, and it was believed that the wool grows on the sheep's back at night. Wishing all of you, Irish or no, a happy St. Patrick's Day.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

By Jan Farley

Special thought for the week: If you want to keep a friend, praise loudly, blame softly.

Some up-coming things for the weeks ahead: Card parties on Tuesdays from 1 to 4 p.m., and play bridge, euchre, pinocle, etc.; new activity on Fridays—Coffee Klatsch at 10 a.m. All seniors are invited to attend. Sit and chat with your friends and neighbors and get a chance to find out what the folks think about anything that is on their mind. It's fun and informative, too!

"BK" Bingo on March 6 at 12:30 p.m.; Hangman game at 5:30 p.m. on the 7th; St. Patrick's dance on March 12 at 12:30 p.m.; Birthday luncheon at 12:30 p.m. on the 13th; Blood pressures taken from 11 a.m. to 12 noon on the 14th; and legal help on the 15th at 1:30 p.m. Sunday potluck on the 17th at 4

p.m. Tax-Aide, free tax assistance for seniors and their home heating, drug prescription, etc. Tax forms to be filled out. Dates: March 29 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and on April 1 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call for an appointment, 348-7123.

Remember the bad weather policy rule of thumb—if the Crawford-AuSable Schools are closed, then the center is closed for all meals and activities. The Meals-on-Wheels people are furnished with an emergency meal or two in their freezers to use on these days when the center is closed. The office will be open if at all possible.

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Redskin's \$100 raffle winners announced

Winners of the March, Grayling Redskin's Football raffle were drawn at the monthly meeting, Sunday, March 3, at the Grayling Holiday Inn.

The winners were as follows: the \$100 prize was awarded to Kevin Curtis, the \$50 prize went to Larry Baynham, Sr., and the \$25 prize was awarded to Jackie Krage. The Redskin t-shirt winners were Beth Wheeler, Paul Olson, Ray Beckett, Alice

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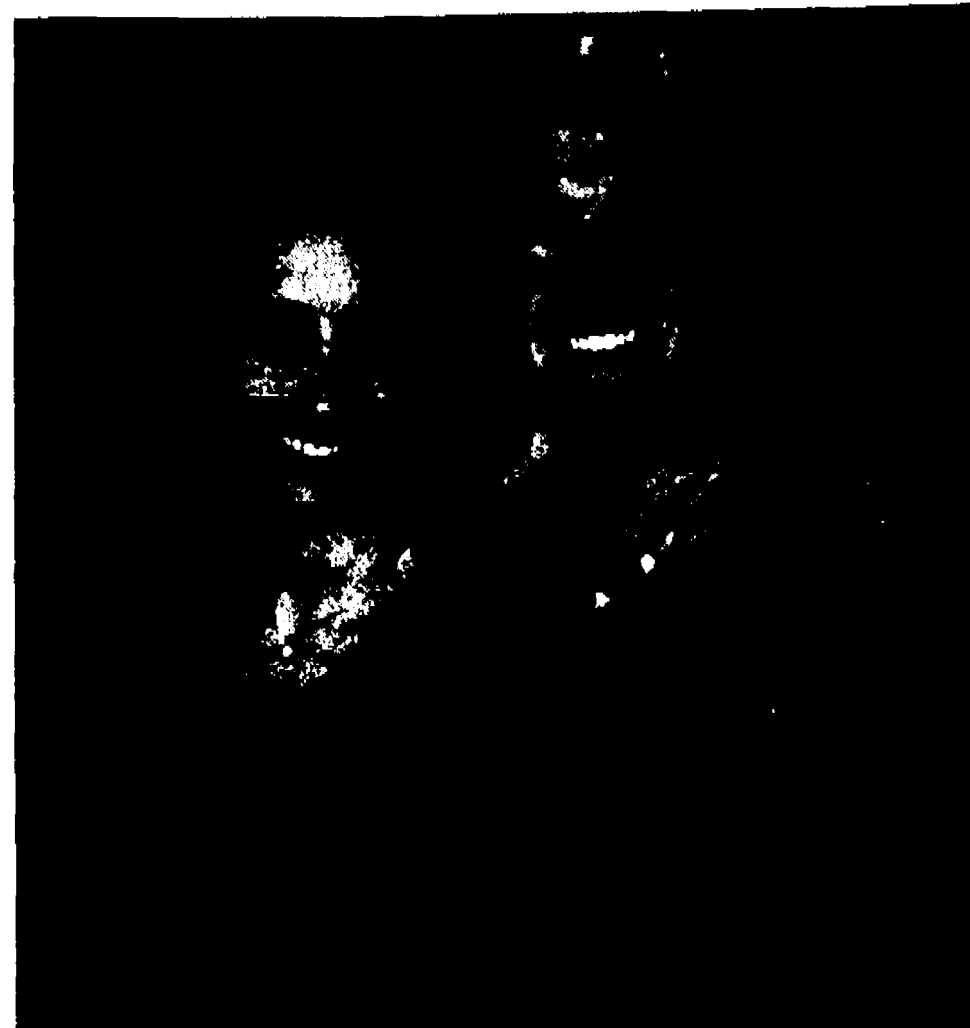
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ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED—Bob and Nona Barnes of Frederic, announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Marie Barnes, to Steven James Kauffman, son of Cal and Nola Kauffman of Elkton. Nicole and Steve will both be graduating from Michigan Technological University on May 18. Nicole will receive a B.S. in Polymer Chemistry, and Steve will receive a B.S. in Materials Science and Engineering.

BITS OF TALK

By Fay Bovee

Marjorie Rinas of Owosso, spent several days visiting her sister, Barbara Nelson.

Don and Elsie Jansen vacationed for three weeks in the south. They spent some time in Gulf Shores, Alabama, visited his shipmate Duncan Johnson in Pensacola, and visited other friends in Florida.

Howard and Regina Wright of Lansing, are the happy parents of a daughter, Judy Elizabeth. She was born on Feb. 15, 1996, at Michigan Capital Medical Center, Lansing, weighed 7 pounds, 15 1/2 ounces, and was 20 inches in length. Grandparents are Lillian King and the late Homer King,

Sr., and Howard and Wanda Wright, all of Grayling.

A former resident, John Galloway, was here visiting his family and enjoying coffee at Goodale's Bakery. He was to return to North Carolina.

Jim Madill and his daughter and family, Lori and Dean Smith and daughter, Hannah, returned from a 2-week business and pleasure trip to the West Coast. Jim has many customers there and it was a combined trip. They traveled California from Crescent City and the Redwood Forest in the north, to Tahoe on the east, and down to the Monterey Peninsula, Disneyland and San Diego Zoo.

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OBITUARIES

Phyllis Thompson

Phyllis Jean Thompson, 64, of Grayling, died Wednesday, Feb. 28, 1996, at her home. A memorial service will be held in the spring at the American Legion Post 106. Cremation services were handled by Sorenson Funeral Home of Grayling.

Mrs. Thompson was born Aug. 6, 1931, in Grayling, the daughter of Corinne (Decker) and Hans "Frank" Schmidt. A 1949 graduate of Grayling High School, she married Ross Thompson on Dec. 11, 1950.

She was an avid gardener of flowers and shrubs. Mrs. Thompson was also employed at Bear Archery Company of Grayling, for more than 12 years, and at Wert's Lone Pine Inn.

Mrs. Thompson was preceded in death by her brother, Frankie Schmidt, and her mother, Corinne (Decker) Schmidt.

Survivors include: husband, Ross Thompson; sisters, Loreli Haddad of Higgins Lake, Kay McGinnis and Peggy Olsen of Pensacola, Florida, and Barbara and husband Bob Smock of Grayling; father, Frank Schmidt of Grayling; daughter, Jan Grigsby of Frederic; sons, Joe and wife Joanne Thompson, and Jon and wife Ellen Thompson, both of Grayling; and five grandchildren.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the Grayling Youth Booster Club.

James Wakeley

James R. Wakeley, 50, of Grayling, died Tuesday, Feb. 27, 1996, at his home. A memorial service was held Friday, March 1, at 1 p.m., at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, with Reverend Robert Taylor officiating.

Mr. Wakeley was born May 15, 1945, in Grayling, and lived here his entire life. He and his wife, Sharon (Plagens), were married Oct. 24, 1964,

in Grayling. He was employed as a woodcutter in the forest product industry.

Mr. Wakeley was preceded in death by his parents, Barton and Bonnie (Clise) Wakeley; brothers, Cy and Pete Wakeley; sisters, Marilyn, Jean, Margie and Kary Lynn; and grandson, Zachary Wakeley.

Survivors include: wife, Sharon L. Wakeley of Grayling; daughter, Amy and husband Scott Kolka of Grayling; sons, Kevin and wife Deb Wakeley, Mike and wife Jackie Wakeley, and Todd and wife Missy Wakeley, all of Grayling; sister, Betty Helsel of Grayling; brothers, Bob Wakeley, Larry Wakeley, Weldon Wakeley and Terrey Wakeley, all of Grayling; and grandchildren, Jordan, Courtney and Cameron Wakeley, Naomi Kolka, and Aaron Ledger.

The family suggests memorial gifts be directed to the family.

Cecilia Coles

Cecilia J. Coles, 92, of Grayling, died Friday, March 1, 1996, at the Meadows of Grayling. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 5, at 11 a.m., at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, with Reverend J. Douglas Paterson officiating. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Coles was born Dec. 29, 1903, in Denmark, and had been a resident of Grayling for 20 years, previously living in Detroit. She was a homemaker and a member of American Legion Post 106 Auxiliary.

Mrs. Coles was preceded in death by her husband, Art Coles, of Feb. 18, 1993; daughter, Bernice Krause; and son-in-law, William Krause.

Survivors include: son, Eugene Quinlan of Shelby Township; and grandchildren, William "Buzz" Krause of Grayling, David Quinlan of Macomb, Brian Quinlan of Clinton Twp., Sandy Siladke of Macomb, Candace Inbrunone of Warren, Barbara Glance of St. Helen, and Diane Krause of Grayling.

Alfred Harland

Alfred H. Harland, 71, of Grayling, died Monday, March 4, 1996, at his residence. A memorial mass will be held Saturday, March 9, at 1 p.m., at St. Mary's Catholic Church, with Rev. Richard Hannon officiating. Burial of ashes will be in Elmwood Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel.

Mr. Harland was born Jan. 16, 1925, in Royal Oak, Twp. He had been a resident of Grayling for 30 years, previously living in Wixom. On Oct. 27, 1945, he was married to Mary E. Craig, at St. James Church in Ferndale.

Mr. Harland was a member of American Legion Post 196, and the VFW Post 5832, both of Grayling.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Eva (Jennings) Harland; and a daughter, Sandra, in 1969.

Survivors include: wife, Mary E. (Craig) Harland of Grayling; sons, Gary Harland of Seattle, Washington, Michael and wife Jane Harland of St. Charles, Illinois, Al Harland of Grayling, Dennis and wife Linda Harland of Caribou, Maine, and Douglas Harland of Woodstock, Illinois; daughters, Ann and husband Michael Wright of Fenton, and Cindy Harland of Grayling; brother, John Harland of Madison Heights; aunt, Esther Hall of Grayling; and nine grandchildren.

The family suggests memorial contributions to Amicare Hospice in Grayling.

Edwin Sullivan

Edwin A. Sullivan, Sr., 68, of Grayling, died Sunday, March 3, 1996, at his residence. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, March 6, at 12 noon, at Swartz Funeral Home in Flint, with Pastor Randy Schuneman officiating. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery, Grand Blanc Twp. Local arrangements were made by Sorenson

Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel.

Mr. Sullivan was born Aug. 27, 1927, in Grand Rapids. He had been a resident of Grayling for eight years, previously living in Flint. He owned a grocery store in Lapeer.

Mr. Sullivan was preceded in death by his parents, Delbert and Mabel (Cook) Sullivan.

Survivors include: sons, Edwin Sullivan, Jr. of Carney, Oklahoma, Delbert Sullivan of Burton, and Jack Sullivan of Lapeer; daughters, Elaine Salgat of Hemlock, and Kathleen Geyer of Grand Blanc; brothers, Robert Sullivan of Perkins, Oklahoma, and Patrick Sullivan of Grayling; sister, Mary Fox of Otisville; and 18 grandchildren.

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The following parents are proud to announce their recent arrivals at Grayling Mercy Hospital:

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Keith Henderson and Suzanne Good of Grayling: Tara Ann Henderson, Feb. 15, 1996, 6 pounds, 1.5 ounces.

Dana Molands and Pamela Craine

of Grayling: Dana Ray Molands Jr., Feb. 16, 1996, 5 pounds, 13 ounces.

James and Janet Chambers of Roscommon: Nathan James, Feb. 17, 1996, 8 pounds, 6.6 ounces.

Nathan Johnson and Dawn Smith of Grayling: Grady Lawrence Smith, Feb. 17, 1996, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

Joshua Workman and Dawn Workman of Higgins Lake: Violet Lindsey, Feb. 21, 1996, 8 pounds.

Tom and Sherry Caid of Grayling: Jordan Matthew, Feb. 21, 1996, 8 pounds, 8.4 ounces.

TY and Rochelle Stallard of Grayling: Mitchell Douglas, Feb. 21, 1996, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

A.T. and Katherine Nieman of Lewiston: Julia Louise, Feb. 22, 1996, 5 pounds, 11 ounces.

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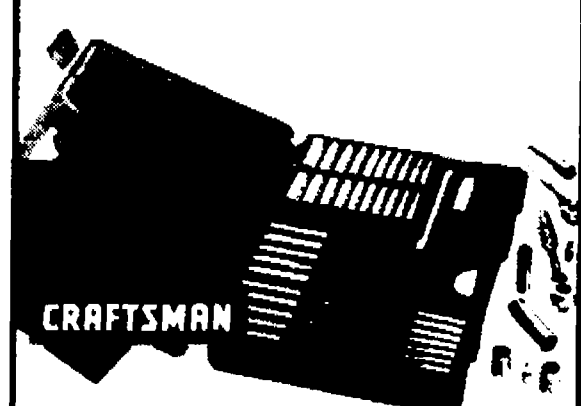
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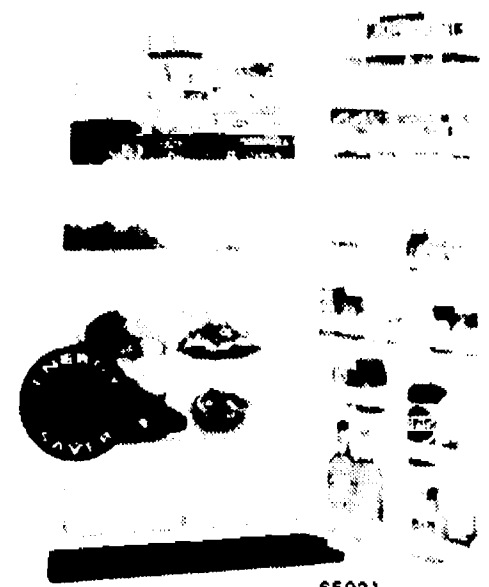


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The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) urges older people to learn about the danger of cold weather and take precautions against the risks of accidental hypothermia. Annually, an estimated 80 percent of the deaths believed to be due to cold weather are people over age 65.

Life-threatening hypothermia occurs when the body temperature drops below 95 degrees Fahrenheit and the body loses heat faster than it is replaced. Severe hypothermia can cause the heart to beat irregularly and lead to heart failure and death.

Older persons exposed to severe cold can become hypothermic very quickly. Accidental hypothermia can also result from extended exposure to mildly-cool temperatures

below 70 degrees.

Warning signs of hypothermia include confusion or sleepiness, excessive shivering, slurred speech, poor muscle coordination, slow breathing, and pale or puffy skin. Hypothermia, however, can be difficult to diagnose because these symptoms resemble a number of other ailments, such as stroke or diabetic coma.

Increased awareness is the most effective way for older people, their families and friends to prevent,

recognize and treat hypothermia. The National Institute on Aging (NIA) provides information and publications that explain the risks of cold weather to older people and how hypothermia can be prevented.

According to safety tips from the NIA, to protect themselves against hypothermia, older people should dress warmly during cold weather while awake or sleeping. Outside they should wear several layers of loose, warm

clothes, hats and scarves, and mittens, which are warmer than gloves.

In their homes, older people should keep temperatures between 65-70 degrees. They should also winterize their homes by weather stripping windows and doors to help cut utility costs. Assistance is available from local energy offices or utility companies for those on limited incomes who need help with high heating costs.

To get information about accidental hypothermia,

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AARP is the nation's largest organization for people 50 and older. It serves their needs and interests through legislative advocacy, research, informative programs and community services provided by a network of local chapters and experienced volunteers throughout the country. The organization also offers members a wide range of benefits including *Modern Maturity* and the monthly *Bulletin*.

Birthday luncheon date set

This month, on March 13, at 12:30 p.m., (note winter month's time change) the Commission on Aging will celebrate all the March birthdays with

cake, ice cream, and a surprise for each of the honorees.

Consider yourself invited, and help them celebrate their birthdays.

Frequent eaters program

When you come in for a meal at the Commission on Aging, sign a slip and put it in the box. The more times you eat, the

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Social Security hours

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"OTL" gang on the road again

The "OTL" (out to lunch) gang will be on the road again. This month they will be traveling to Kalkaska, visiting the senior center and having lunch on Friday, March 29. Word from Kalkaska is that they will be serving kraut & kielbasa, mashed potatoes, etc.

The bus will leave the

center at 10:45 a.m. and the transportation cost will be \$5. You will be responsible for your own lunch donation.

The Commission on Aging hopes the weather will cooperate. If it doesn't, then the trip will have to be canceled until next month.

Play baggo-cardo at the COA

New cardo game on Wednesday, March 20, at 3 p.m.

Baggo-cardo will consist of the traditional

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Sweatshirt contest

There was a terrific storm when the sweatshirt contest was scheduled before, however, the Commission on Aging hopes to have a good turn out for March 27, at 5:30 p.m., when they try it again. There will be prizes

galore for various and sundry categories, ranging from most beautiful to the least likely to succeed.

Plan on wearing your entry and take part in the fashion parade. Come for dinner and stay on for the fun and games.

Let's dance!

The Commission on Aging will hold their first dance this month on March 12, and is their annual St. Patrick's Dance, and in keeping with the winter policy, it will be held at 12:30 p.m.

The second dance will be on March 26, and again, it will start at 12:30 p.m. Come for lunch and stay on for the listening and dancing pleasure of Tina at the organ.



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MARCH



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FOOT NOTES

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M

The Diabetic Foot: What to look for

Daily self-examination of the feet is one of the most important things people with diabetes can do to safeguard their health. Among the warning signs to look for are color changes. Redness, particularly with streaks, may be a sign of infection. Pale or blue skin often signals poor circulation, while black skin can indicate dead tissue. Swelling and tenderness are also among the common signs of poor circulation or infection, as are areas that feel abnormally warm. Cold feet may mean your feet aren't getting enough blood. Sensations such as "pins and needles," numbness, burning, or lack of feeling can be symptoms of nerve damage. Any of the above symptoms should prompt an immediate call to your podiatrist.

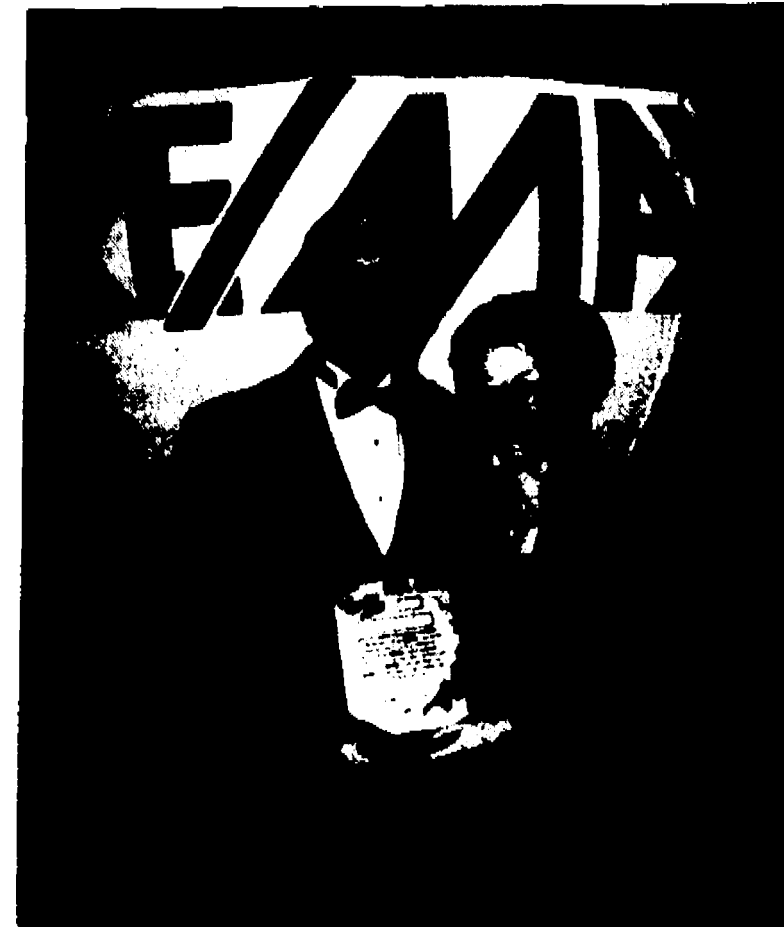
Diabetics have to be careful of their health,

especially of the health of their feet. We've seen the results of untreated and self-treated diabetic foot problems and we can't advise strongly enough for diabetics to seek professional care. If you do not have a podiatrist and you experience the symptoms mentioned above, we are currently accepting new patients and welcome your call at GRAND TRAVERSE FOOT & ANKLE CENTER, P.C., 922-9100 & 800-968-7440. We're located at 1209 E. 8th St., Traverse City. Offices in Traverse City, also at KAL-KASKA MEMORIAL HEALTH CENTER, Monday & Wednesday afternoons and evenings.

P.S. A hand-held mirror can help when attempting to examine the bottoms of your feet.



RE/MAX of Grayling realtors receive awards



Realtors with RE/MAX of Grayling, were recently honored by the RE/MAX Real Estate System for outstanding sales and service in 1995. They received their awards at the RE/MAX of Michigan 17th Annual Regional Conference held Feb. 8-10, at the Grand Traverse Resort in Traverse City.

Craig Hinkle and Charlene Scheer, broker/co-owners, were presented with the prestigious RE/MAX 100 Percent Club Award: Hinkle for helping 81 families with their real estate needs (6.7 times the industry average); and Scheer for assisting 56

families (4.6 times the average). The firm also received first place in the RE/MAX of Michigan Advertising Contest in the "Office Exterior" category.

RE/MAX of Grayling, located at 5728 M-72 West in Grayling, has been open since 1994, under Scheer and Hinkle, broker/co-owners. Scheer recently received her GRI designation and has finished her education to earn

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Crawford County Sheriff Department



Sheriff Patrol

By Linda Sherwood

For the week of Feb. 26-March 4

The Crawford County Sheriff Department responded to 87 incidents during the week from Monday, Feb. 26 to Sunday, March 3.

A parental kidnapping was reported on Monday, Feb. 26 in Fredenc. The children were returned.

There were two breaking and enterings reported. On Monday, Feb. 26, a break-in of a residence on south Stephan Bridge Road was reported. A second report, also on south Stephan Bridge Road was reported on Thursday, Feb. 29. The caller stated that sometime since the previous Friday, his garage was broken into and items were stolen. The stolen property includes a tool box, empty pop cans, and two super soakers. The second break-in on Pere Cheney Road was reported on Feb. 26.

Four suspects were lodged in connection with a larceny of a purse from a residence on Lawndale. See the related story on page 1A.

An ice shanty was reported as missing or stolen from Lake Margrethe near Eagle Point on Friday, March 1.

There were three separate incidents of damage to newspaper boxes at rest areas this week. The incidents occurred on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at both the Frederic and Four-Mile rest areas. A witness reported seeing a man painting paper boxes on Wednesday, Feb. 28 around 7:30 a.m. The witness was unable to obtain a license plate number. The suspect was described as a white man with light brown hair, approximately 30 years old, wearing black pants and a white jacket. The suspect was driving a white Volkswagen station wagon.

Two suspects were arrested for vandalizing a car parked outside of the Red Barn on Saturday, March 2.

An apology and \$50 restitution was enough to satisfy a Mill Street resident whose window was shot by children in the neighborhood with a BB gun.

A 33-year-old woman who was arrested on a warrant on Wednesday, Feb. 28, escaped on Thursday, Feb. 29. The woman was being transported to the Clare County Jail due to overcrowding conditions at the Crawford County Jail. During the transport, the woman attempted to escape custody. She ran from the car, said Detective Rich Meyer. She was apprehended without incident.

A resident on Manistee Road reported that dead farm animals inside of feed bags were dumped on her property. Garbage inside the bag named a Kalkaska County woman.

Alcohol was a factor in a rollover that occurred on North Higgins Lake Road at around 11:30 p.m. The 37-year-old driver was cited for OUIL, but was not lodged in the Crawford County Jail. The driver was hospitalized at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City.

In addition, the Crawford County Sheriff Department responded to two family/child incidents, six suspicious situations, 21 accidents, four public peace disturbances and seven family trouble incidents.

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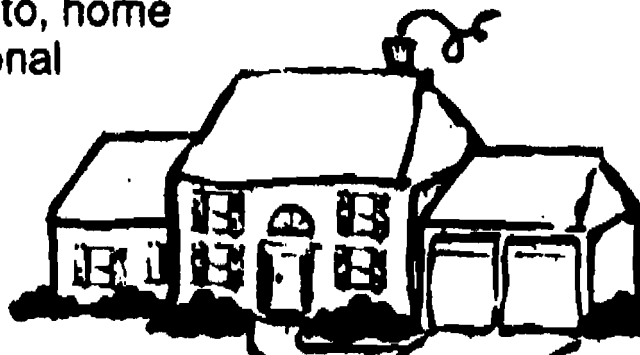
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Dale Kniss



Jason Hall

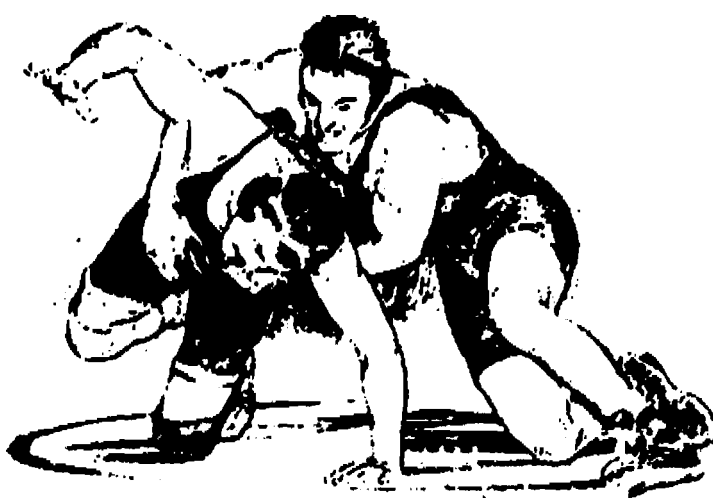
Four Grayling Viking wrestlers will be treated like kings on Thursday, March 7, and any special treatment they are given will be well deserved.

The four, senior Dale Kniss, juniors Jason Hall and Eddy Davis and sophomore Ben Malonen, are headed in grandiose style to the state wrestling finals where they will have opportunities to make once-in-a-lifetime dreams come true.

The young grapplers will leave Grayling High School at 11 a.m. on Thursday, when they will proceed through a cheering throng made up of the entire GHS student body.

When they reach the GHS

Good luck Vikings!



driveway, a sleek, new stretch limousine, with a police escort, will lead a procession of well wishers through the streets of Grayling to the Grayling Holiday Inn.

At the Holiday Inn, the boys and Coach Don Ferguson will be treated to a nutritional luncheon before they head for the Kalamazoo tournament.

Wrestling begins among the state's elite on Friday, March 8 and concludes on Saturday, March 9.

Kniss will wrestle in the 215 pound division. Hall wrestles at 135 pounds. Malonen will compete in the 130 pound division and Davis will wrestle at 125 pounds.

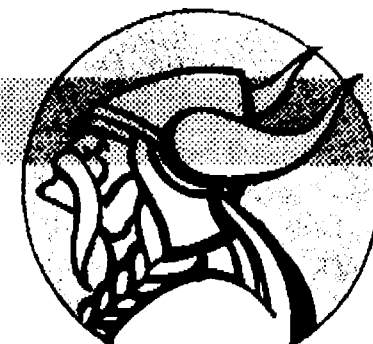


Ben Malonen



Eddy Davis

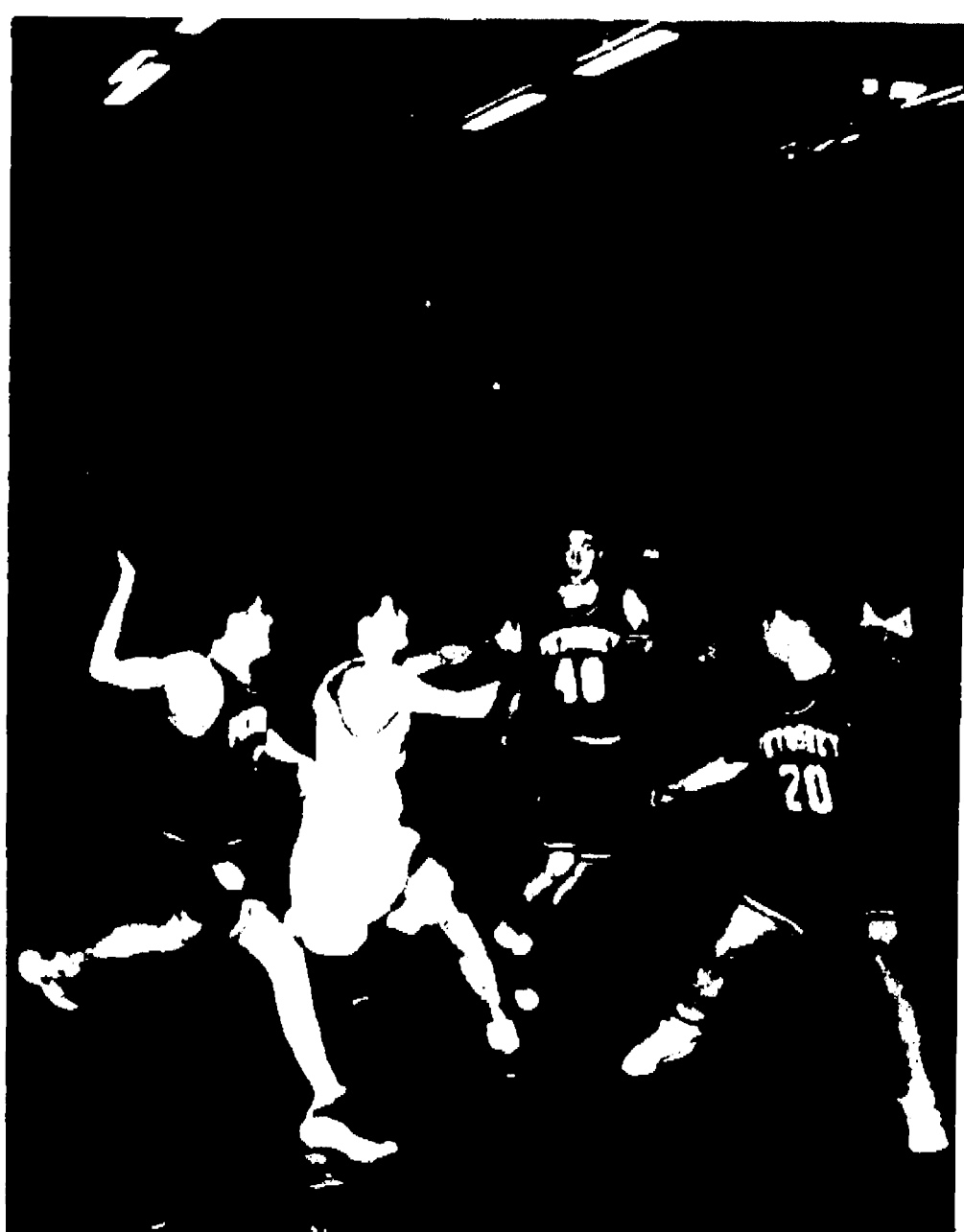
SECTION SPORTS



Section B - Crawford County Avalanche

Thursday March 7, 1996

Vike hoopsters downed in district opener by Petoskey Northmen



Chris Kucharek (passing ball), #32 Joe Godlewski (background), and #44 Jason Thompson (R)

Northmen 82, -- Vikings 72

By Terry Wright
News Editor

The 1995-96 Grayling Viking boys' basketball season came to an end at the hands of the Petoskey Northmen on Monday, March 4, in the opening game of the Class-B District Basketball Tournament.

Petoskey will now face a tough Gaylord Blue Devil team on Wednesday, March 7, with the winner proceeding to the district's final game on Saturday.

The Vikings allowed the Northmen to open up a 23-12, first quarter lead, and extend it to 46-27 at the half.

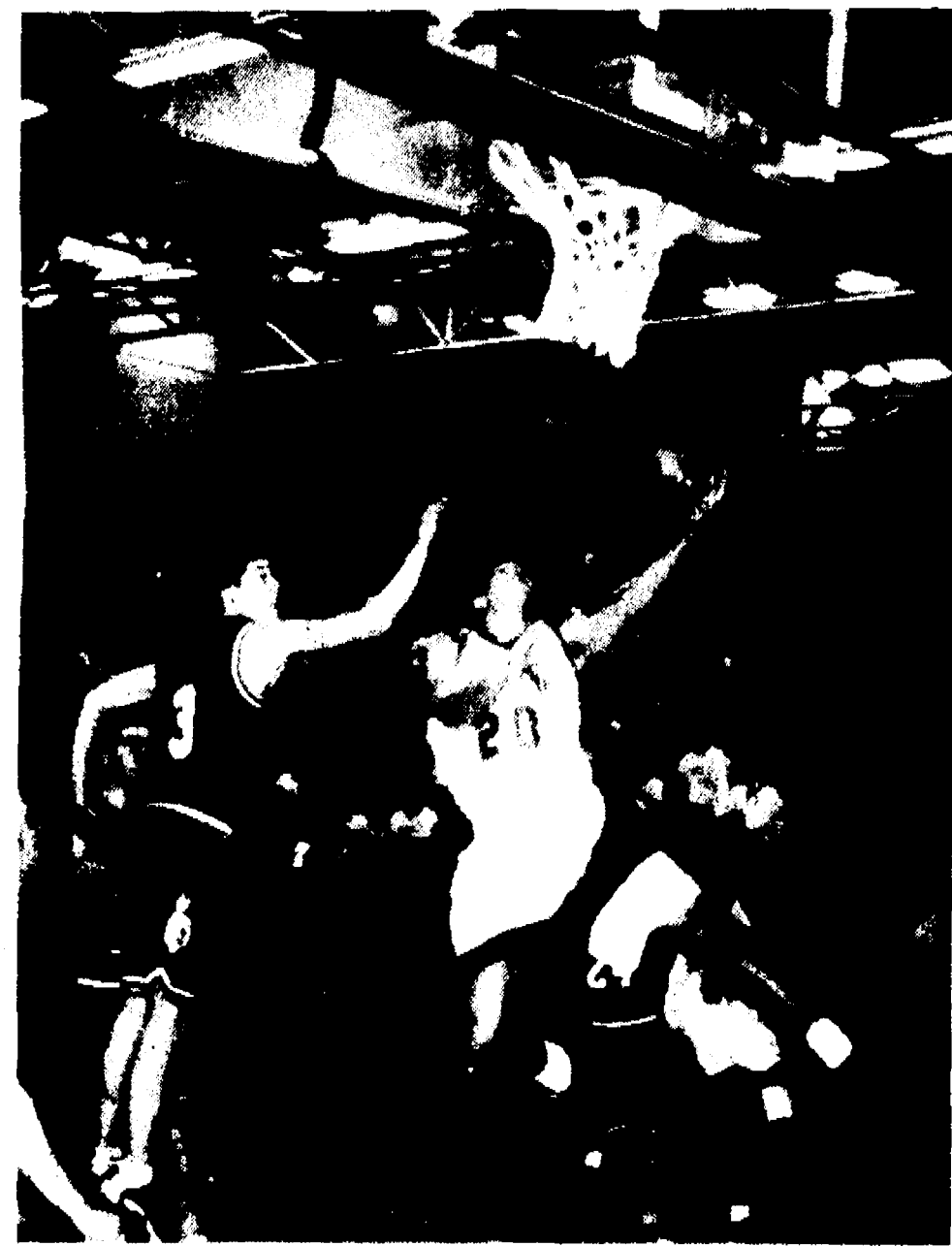
In the third quarter, the Vikings finally found their game and outscored Petoskey by two. The fourth quarter was all

Grayling. The Vikings fought back to within six points of Petoskey before trailing by 10 when time ran out. Grayling outscored Petoskey 28-19 in the final quarter.

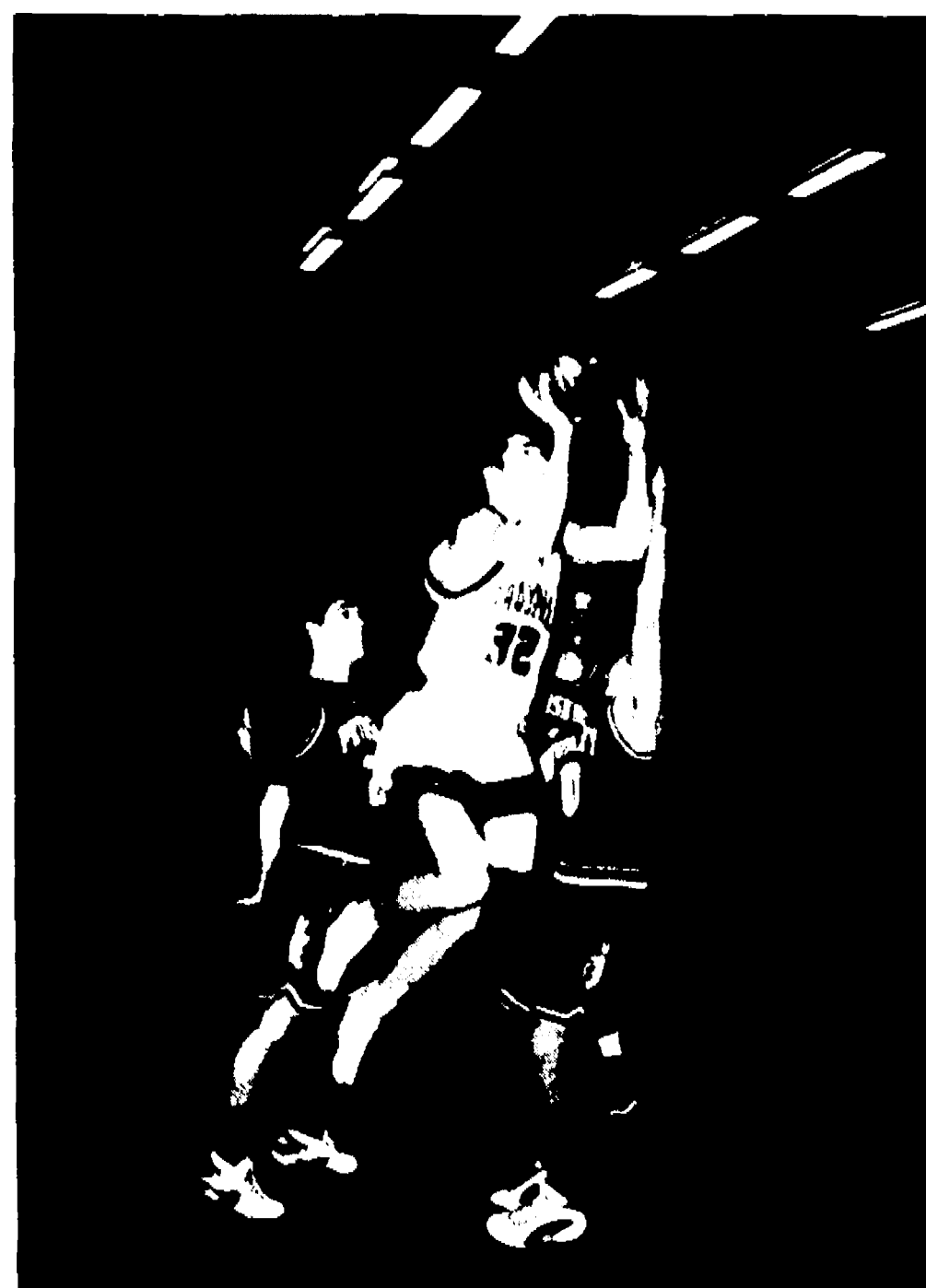
The game marked a career end for GHS seniors Jason Thompson, Scott Hartman, Chris Kucharek, Joe Godlewski and Corey Northrop.

Godlewski had a game-high 21 points. Northrop added 13 points, Hartman scored nine points, and Kucharek and Thompson added eight points each.

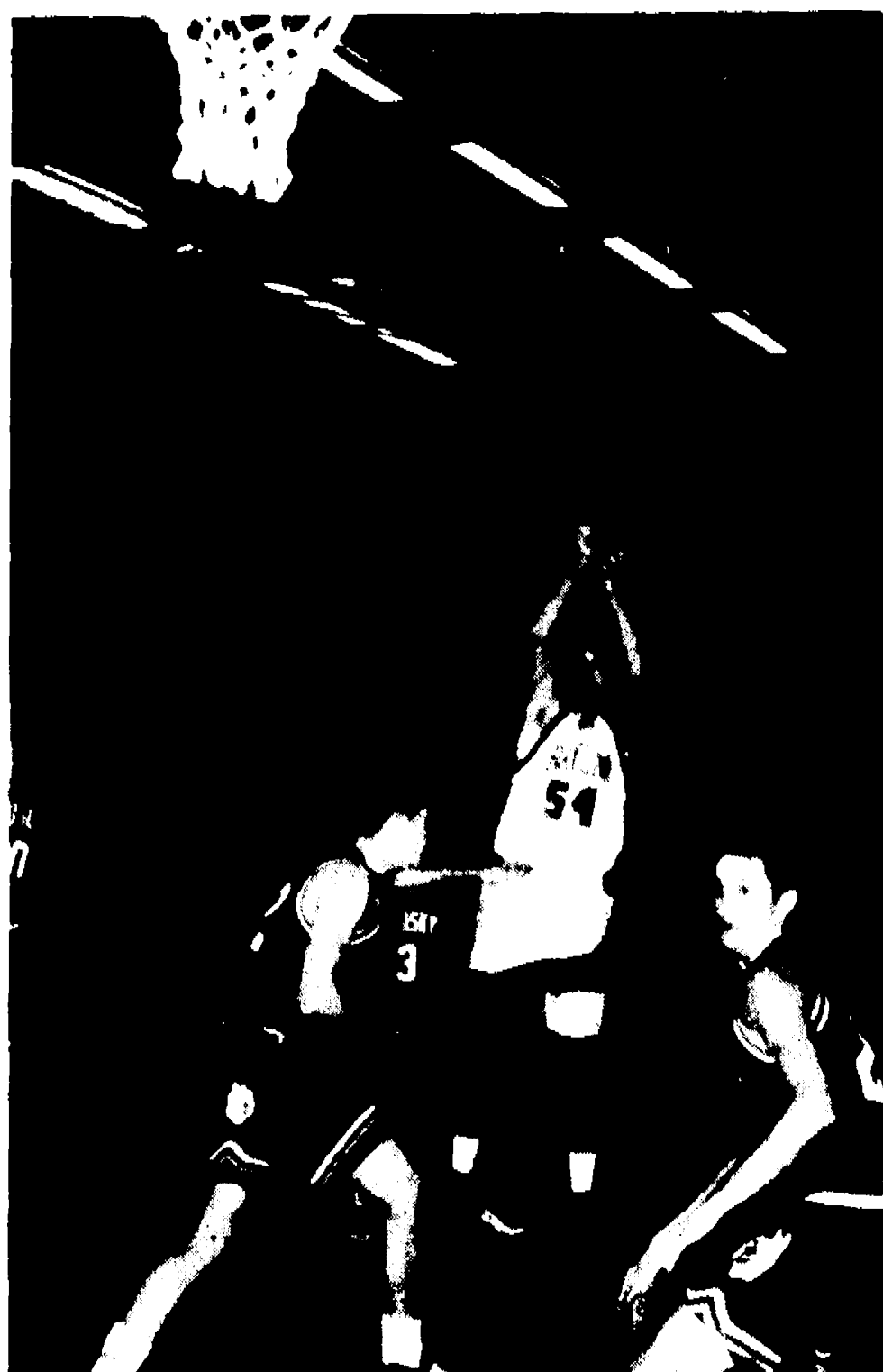
Freshman Matt LaForest added five points, juniors Sam Modica and Brad Larm added four points and two points respectively.



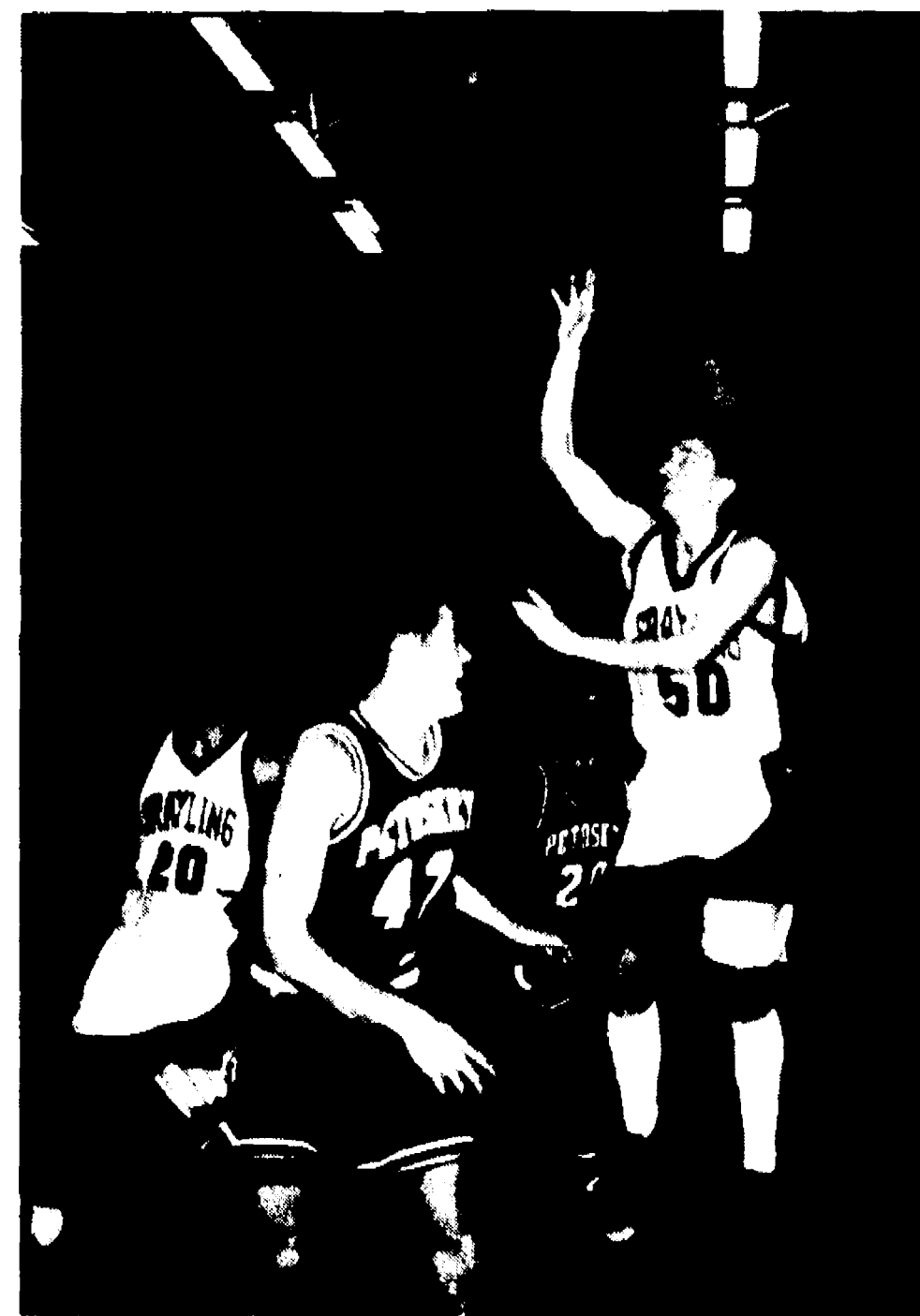
#20 Chris Kucharek with #52 Scott Hartman (background)



#32 Joe Godlewski



#54 Scott Hartman



#50 Corey Northrop and #20 Chris Kucharek

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Ryan Schlehuber

Schlehuber re-injures ankle at state competition

Boyne Mountain was the scene as Grayling Viking senior Ryan Schlehuber ended his four years of Varsity skiing on Monday, Feb. 26.

Schlehuber was the first Grayling skier to qualify in both events, the slalom and the giant slalom, in nearly a decade.

He was the 14th racer attempting to negotiate a very fast giant slalom course and like seven other racers, Schlehuber didn't make it to the finish line. He hit a ridge in a turn and just couldn't recover in time to make the next gate. The maneuver reinjured an

ankle that he had broken at the end of football season.

Schlehuber worked hard to overcome the pain and disappointment before the afternoon slalom race. In slalom, he finished 17th out of the field of 48 racers.

"He skied a solid race, but not the aggressive race he needed to break into the top 10," said Coach Mike Wieland. "He finished a very good year leading the boys to a third place regional finish."

Schlehuber placed first on Grayling's team in 18 of the 22 races in team competition this year.

SECTION SPORTS

Viking Power Lifters show great promise

Four Grayling lifters competed in the Northern Michigan Power Lifting Championships in Houghton Lake on Saturday, March 2.

The lifters were judged in two events, the bench press and dead lift. The score was a total of the two events.

Competing for Grayling were sophomore Joe Woidan, juniors Joe Collen, Josh Stabinski and Jeremy Colby.

"The players were real excited about the meet and are looking forward to our next meet in Frankfort," said Coach Rodney Patterson.

Joe Collen took top four in the dead lift in his weight class. Josh Stabinski and Jeremy Colby were both in the top

half of their weight class. Sophomore Joe Woidan took second overall in his weight class, losing by a half pound.

"I'm really excited about how far we have come," said Coach Patterson. "But we are a long way from where we need to be. I think this has opened up the eyes of our players and shown them what is out there."

The Vikings will host their own lift-a-thon on Tuesday, March 26 at 7 p.m. at the Grayling High School. Proceeds from the lift-a-thon will benefit the Viking Football Team. Anyone interested in participating in the lift-a-thon can contact Rodney Patterson at 517-348-7641.

Viking wrestling program chosen for nutrition award

The Grayling High School wrestling program has been chosen to receive a 1996 Sports Nutrition Award by the United Dairy Industry of Michigan (UDIM) and the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

The award is given annually to eight exemplary Michigan schools for outstanding athlete nutrition training programs.

Over 400 Michigan schools with wrestling programs were eligible to participate.

Each winning school will receive a trophy and \$2,000 toward the purchase of team equipment or program enhancements. Additionally, a \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a wrestler from each winning school.

The purpose of the Sports Nutrition Awards program, according to Donna Hensley the UDIM program manager, is to encourage teen athletes to em-

brace healthy eating habits and ignore the nutrition myths that may actually impair their performance and good health.

Grayling Viking wrestling coach Don Ferguson said he was happy to receive the award, and would use the money to purchase a take-down dummy for his team members to use in practice.

He didn't know which of his wrestlers would be awarded the scholarship, but said he expected it would probably go to Dale Kniss, the only senior on this year's Viking squad.

When contacted by the Avalanche, Ferguson said he had not yet received official notification of the award.

Other schools named as award recipients were Lansing Everett, Harper Woods, Saginaw Swan Valley, Grand Haven, Marlette, Grosse Pointe North and Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills.

POOL LEAGUE

Men's Pool League
February 26, 1996

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The Amateur Radio Association of Hanson Hills, will conduct a 4-week class one night a week to prepare you for the "no code" technical class amateur radio license exam. These classes will begin March 25, at 7 p.m., at Calvary Baptist Church, in the academy wing, on M-72, 1 1/2 miles west of Grayling. Classes will continue each Monday night through April 15, with the examination scheduled for Wednesday evening, April 17, at the Grayling High School, room A24.

There is no fee for the class, which is taught by a licensed amateur radio operator from the Amateur Radio Association of Hanson Hills. Course material will be from the American Radio Relay League book *Now You're Talking*, and it is recommended that

students purchase this book. This course will prepare you to take the novice and technician exams, consisting of a total of 55 written questions dealing with radio theory and FCC regulations.

Amateur radio operators worldwide, must be licensed by their respective governments to gain access to the special sets of radio frequencies, made available only to license holders. There are six classes of amateur radio licenses currently available, allowing operation on up to 15 frequency bands, depending on license class. The technician license allows operation on certain allocated frequencies above 50 Mhz, including the popular 2-meter band for local repeater operation. If you have a scanner or VHF receiver, you may listen to HAMS in the Grayling area on 145.13 Mhz.

For additional information, or to register for the class, call Dave Niederer—N8YSQ at 348-2900 (office) or 348-8137 (home).

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End of season results for the GSB race clinic

On Sunday, Feb. 25, the warm weather made for great spring skiing for the close of the GSB race clinics at Hanson Hills. Twenty-nine kids and 15 adults enjoyed the sunshine as they took part in the racing activities. John Alef, Mark Sloan and all the kids and parents that took part in this year's program appreciate GSB and Hanson Hills for their part in making this program possible.

The results of that day's races had an impact on the overall position for many racers. In the preschool-kindergarten girls group, Rachel Doremire finished first, followed by Jessica Riddle second, and Avery Diola third. Rocky McNamara finished first for the boys. Once again, Jill Seager finished first for the first- and second-grade girls. Kody Diola finished first for the boys, followed by Zach Dean second, and Andrew Hart third.

Allyson Diola skied hard to finish first in the third- and fourth-grade girls division. She was followed by Nichole

Doremire second, Nichole Dixon third, Mallory Olson fourth, and Jodi Riddle fifth. Joey Highlen led the boys group again this week, followed by Matt Seager second, Zach VanNuck third, Alex McNamara fourth, Trevor Clough fifth, Patrick McNally sixth, Paul Montagne seventh. Joni Ames returned to lead the fifth- and sixth-grade girls, followed by Sasha Latuszek second. Keil Clough took the first-place finish for the boys,

followed by Ben McNally second, and Eric Hart third. In the seventh- and eighth-grade boys group Luke Ames continued his success with a first-place finish, followed by Derek Quick second, Geoff Montagne third, and first-time racer Jeremy Latuszek fourth.

After the races were over, John Alef totaled the end-of-the-year's points and awarded trophies and ribbons to the racers. Jessica Riddle and Rachel

Doremire tied for first in the girls preschool and kindergarten group. Avery Diola finished the season second. Rocky McNamara was the uncontested winner for the boys group. Jill Seager finished the season with the first overall in the first- and second-grade girls group. Kody Diola worked his way into the top honors for the boys group, followed by Andrew Hart second, Zach Dean third, and Eric Jurkovich fourth.

In the third- and fourth-grade girls group, Allyson Diola took the first overall, followed by Nichole Doremire second, Jodi Riddle third, Nichole Dixon fourth, and Mallory Olson fifth. Joey Highlen finished at the top of the group for the boys, followed by Matt Seager second, Trevor Clough third, Zach VanNuck fourth, Paul Montagne fifth, Alex McNamara sixth, Jimmy Jansen seventh, and Patrick McNally eighth. Joni Ames controlled the first-place finish for the fifth- and sixth-grade girls group. Sasha Latuszek finished second, Andrea Alvarez third, Britni Baker fourth, Sally Jansen fifth, and Becky Call sixth.

Keil Clough held on to win the boys division, followed by Eric Hart and Justin Hanes second, Josh Jurkovich third, Ben McNally fourth, Damien Fleischmann fifth, Eric Hunter sixth, and Nate Mueller seventh. In the seventh- and eighth-grade boys group, Luke Ames continued to ward off the competition and finished first overall. Jason Boreo finished second, followed by Geoff Montagne third, Derek Quick fourth, Matt Thomas and Eric Podjasko fifth, Paul Jansen sixth, Ryan Stahl seventh, Anthony Jurkovich eighth, Josh Willette ninth, and Bobby Brinker 10th.

Alef said "Many of the racers improved over the course of the season, and will someday work their way into racing positions on the high school ski team. It was an exciting season and I look forward to next year."

Middle school wrestlers travel to Standish-Sterling

The middle school wrestling team attended the Standish-Sterling Wrestling Tournament on Saturday, March 2, with teams from 17 other schools.

second at heavyweight. In the 13-14 age group, Matt Evon and Josh Niederer both finished first at 85 pounds and 107 pounds, respectively. In the 122-pound class, Brent Holborn placed second, and Victor CdeBaca was third. Also, at 122-pound bracket B, Paul Clark was third. At 138 pounds, Jimmy Eddy placed first.

In the 11-12-year-old age category, Eric Hunter placed second at 65 pounds, and Shawn Ferrigan placed

BOWLING LEAGUE

Recreation League		Sunday Night Mixed Doubles		Women's High Game	
Mickey Perez CPA	21-15	Us & Them	26-10	P. Prosser, 173, K. Lozon,	169, K. Moshier, 159. Women's High Series: P. Prosser, 476, K. Lozon, 451, K. Moshier, 431.
Scheer Motors	21-15	Glen's Market	24-12		
Pun-N-Sun Rental	21-15	CSI	22-14		
Glen's Market	18-18	M.A.D.S.	18-18		
Peterson Saw Service	17-19	Robideau Const.	16-20		
Mark B.	17-19	Computer Services	13-23		
Cornell	16-20	Mac's Drugs	13-23		
North Country R.V.	13-23	All Seasons Drywall	12-24		
High Game: M. Ginther, S. Rioux, 203, 1.		Men's High Game: L. Helzel, 204, D. Canfield,			
Deller, 183, C. Pfaff, 177. High Series: M.		186, R. Pyle, 182. Men's High Series: L. Helzel,			
Ginther, S. Rioux, 487, C. Pfaff, 468, J. Kellogg,		545, R. Pyle, 518, D. Canfield, 481.			
461.		Women's High Game: M. Miller, 186, E. Helzel,			
		177, K. Moshier, 173. Women's High Series: D.			
		Ashworth, 499, B. McDougal, 489, E. Helzel,			
		483.			
American Mens League		Pioneer League		National League	
McLeans Hardware	7-0	Custom Interior	20-8	Forrest Bros. Inc.	22
Upper Lakes Tire	7-0	Aunt Betty's	20-8	Badweiser	21
Red Barn	7-0	Millikin's	14-14	Moore's Automotive	21
Stitches by Sue	5-2	Eagles	14-14	Breakers Steak House	18
BCI	2-5	Chemical Bank	13-15	House of Cabinets	18
Fenton's Auto Service	0-7	Avalanche	11-17	Guns & Grub	17
Auto Parts	0-7	Mercy Hospital	11-17	Carquest	16
Rod's Auto Body	0-7	M&M Crafts	9-19	City Environmental	11
High Game: L. Davis, 244, D. Canfield, 235, M.		High Game: S. Rioux, 202, K. Lozon, 183, J.			
Barr, 235. High Series: D. Canfield, 601, L.		Hafield, M. Kroell, 180. High Series: S. Rioux,			
Davis, Jr., 599, L. Davis, 592.		532, J. Hafield, 502, K. Morrill, 468.			
Thursday Coffee League		Friday Night Mixed Doubles		Triangle League	
Lone Pine	25-5	Moshier Auto Repair	30-14	Spike's	10-2
Glen's Market	23	No Fear	27-17	Roshy Const.	8-4
Johnson's Survey	22	Advance Collision	24-20	Jackson Trio	7-5
Buccilli's	21	Cedar Motel	23-21	Grayling Ford	6-6
Wakeley Auto Parts	18	A. Bulldog Towing	20-24	Barber Const.	5-7
AuSable Construction	17	AJD	19-25	Deb & Dale's	4-8
Shady Acres	17	Aunt Betty's	18-26	A. Bulldog Towing	4-8
Plaza Bar	16-5	A.H. Rental & Repair	15-29	JJ's Motor Mall	4-8
High Game: S. Romain, 202, 187, 183, B.		Men's High Game: J. Prosser, 192, M. Sumner,			
Wakeley, 190, T. Papendick, 180. High Series:		183, B. Trudeau, 179. Men's High Series: J.			
S. Romain, 572, T. Papendick, 497, S. France,		Prosser, 527, R. Lozon, 504, M. Sumner, 457.			
483.					

HEALTHLINE

Linda DeMarchis, M.A., Health Educator

This column is presented as a public service to the community by District Health Department No. 1, which serves Wexford, Missaukee, Kalkaska, and Crawford counties. If you have a question you would like answered, please send it to Health Educator, District Health Department No. 1, 401 Lake St., Cadillac, MI, 49601.

Question: My husband frequently burns scraps of wood in our wood-burning stove that were left over from building our deck. Is it safe to burn treated or preserved wood in the home?

Answer: The health department cautions against the burning of any wood scraps preserved with inorganic arsenic compounds. The most popular brand names of these woods include

osmose and wolmanized, but any wood preserved with such compounds must also be included. Although there is no danger in using the wood for construction, when these woods are burned in a fire, toxic vapors are likely to be given off. If inhaled, these fumes could be hazardous to human health. It is difficult to determine exposure time of concentration of vapors required before ill effects may occur. Another concern is the possible toxicity of the ashes left after burning and the effects the vapor may have as an irritant to human skin.

If you own a wood-burning appliance, the health department advises that you dispose of any pressure treated wood scraps in a sanitary landfill before they can be accidentally burned. This way any potential health

risks may be avoided.

If planning a building project this spring using pressure treated wood, such as a deck, fence, outdoor furniture or playground equipment, handle the wood properly to avoid health problems:

- Do not use the wood where it can come in contact with food.
- Wear a face mask when sawing this wood.
- Avoid skin contact by wearing tightly-woven coveralls and gloves.
- Wash work garments separately from the family laundry.
- Wash exposed skin surfaces after handling the wood.

These recommendations are those of the Consumer's Federation of America and District Health Department No. 1 Environmental Health Division.

Ski Conditions Report

Projected Weekend Ski Conditions

Cross Country Ski Shop - Grayling
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Hanson Hills Ski Area - Grayling
Average Base: 8 inch packed base. Downhill Surface Conditions: All trails and lifts in operation, machine groomed. Cross Country Surface Conditions: 35 km, hard packed double set tracks, open from 9 am to dusk, seven days a week. Guaranteed groomed for weekend skiing. Hours: Open Thursday & Friday 5-9 pm; Saturday 11 am-9 pm; Sunday 11 am-5 pm. 348-9266.

Cross Country Ski Headquarters - Higgins Lake
Average Base: 15 inches. Surface Conditions: Great conditions. Freshly groomed, all trails open. Track set, skating lanes combed. Hours: Open Friday & Saturday, 9 am to 9 pm; Sunday through Thursday, 10 am to 6 pm. 2 lighted trails open Friday & Saturday, dusk til 9 pm. (517) 821-6661. Special Note: Serving hot chocolate on Saturdays in the Trapper's Cabin. Ski Fest and Pig Roast Sunday, March 10 at 1 pm. Learn to ski free.

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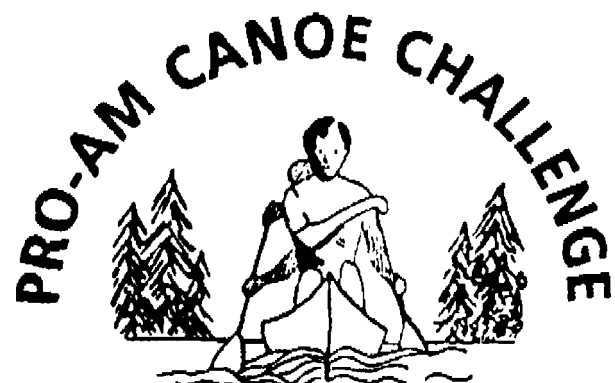
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SAVING THE DEER--
(Above) The Camp Grayling Conservation Club recently made a donation in the amount of \$300, to the "Save the Critters" fund. Skip Madsen (Center) is shown accepting the check from club member Art Thayer (Left) and club president Dennis Palmer (Right). Persons wishing to contribute to the fund, which is being used to feed deer during this long, hard winter, may do so by making their checks payable to "Save the Critters." Donations may be left at Skip's Sport Shop on M-72 West.

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LOVELLS LIBRARY NEWS

Ben Duby is the new head librarian at Lovells Library. New hours at the library are Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon; Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon; Saturday, 12 noon to 3 p.m.

The Cabin Fever Reading Program, sponsored by McDonald's, ends March 8. Response to the program has been excellent. Through a donation by Merna Newberry, the following books have been added to the library: *All The Places To Love* by Patricia MacLachlan, *The Bear* by Raymond Briggs and *Dandelines* by Eve Bunting.

The following books have also been added: *The Little Baby Snuggles Fleece* by Jimmy Carter, *Peter's Bedtime* by Beverly Cleary, *The Brimstone Wedding* by Barbara Vine, *Hide And Seek* by James Patterson, *Shock Wave* by Clive Cussler, *Matilda* by Roald Dahl, *Now We Are Six* and *When We Were Very Young* by A.A. Milne, *Intensity* by Dear Koontz, *The Judge* by Steve Martini, *The Stallion* by Harold Robbins, *The Web* by Jonathan Kellerman, *Blood Relations* by Barbara Parker, *Lord Of The Dead* by Tom Holland, *McNally's Puzzle* by Lawrence Sanders, *Megan's Island* by Willo Roberts, *Protecting Marie* by Kevin Henkes, *Yolonda's Genius* by Carol Fenner and *That Camden Summer* by LaVyrle Spencer.

Library patrons have responded favorably to the new library facility. An open house is planned for April.

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Class of 1981 to hold reunion

The Class of '81 will be holding its 15-year reunion on July 13. They are looking for addresses and phone numbers for the following people:

Robin Dutton, Becky Eberts, Jane McKenney-Daniels, Tina Brown, Louise Church, Augusta Konopnicki-Madsen, Beth Clark, Jan Case, Tim Spearman, Keith Martin, Laura Pakledmaz, Linda Rioux, George Kesby, Lori Kibbe, Ken Miller, Sue

Fulton, Chris Conklin, Brenda Gabriel-Gomez, Richard Mertes, Arlene Monks-Lanier, David Murch, Scott Dunckley, Sue Prause, Missy Meldrum and Bill Craft.

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YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

Self-employed use tax return to report Social Security taxes

Are you self-employed? Does your business employ a few people or do you work alone? No matter how small your business—or whether it is a full or part-time occupation—you must report your earnings and pay Social Security tax with your income tax return due by April 15.

If you operate a trade, business or profession, by yourself or as a partner, you are self-employed. Net earnings of \$400 or more in a year must be reported on your schedule SE. If you earn under \$400, your earnings can still count for Social Security if you

decide to compute your earnings using one of the optional methods of reporting. However, the option available to you depends on whether you have income from an agricultural trade or business or nonagricultural trade or business. Call the Internal Revenue Service for information on the optional method of reporting.

The Social Security tax for 1995 was 15.3 percent on self-employment income up to \$61,200. If your net earnings exceed \$61,200, you continued to pay the Medicare portion

of the Social Security tax, which is 2.9 percent, on the rest of your earnings.

The employer's share of the Social Security tax is not considered taxable income to the employee and that is true for the self-employed as well. Thus, in figuring your net earnings from self-employment for income tax purposes, your net profit from the business is reduced by a percentage equal to half of the self-employment tax rate. And, also for income tax purposes, you can deduct half of your Social Security self-employment tax

as a business expense.

If you have wages as well as self-employment earnings, compute the taxes on your wages first. Then, your self-employment income is the difference between your wages and the maximum earnings taxable by Social Security in 1995 (\$61,200).

Remember, even if you don't owe any income tax, you must fill out the tax return Form 1040 and Schedule SE to pay self-employment Social Security tax. For more information, call the Internal Revenue Service.

Questions answered by the Veterans Administration

Question: I was cleaning my father's apartment and found an old benefits check he apparently misplaced and never deposited. Is there a time limit on how long a veteran can hold benefits checks from VA without cashing them?

Answer: Government checks more than a year old can no longer be cashed. Those holding VA benefits checks longer than one year must apply to VA for a replacement.

Question: How does a veteran

become enrolled in the "direct deposit" program for VA compensation or pension benefits?

Answer: Enrollment in this service, which is recommended for efficiency and security, can be accomplished by telephone. You may reach your local

VA regional office at 1-800-827-1000. A benefits counselor there can enroll you so that your benefits check can be electronically credited to your bank account each month. Some VA benefits such as education payments and insurance dividends are not included in the direct deposit program, however.

Question: I was on active military duty from 1959 through 1960. I recently became disabled, not from any service-connected cause, and may not be able to return to work. Am I eligible for non-service-connected pension benefits from VA since I now have a limited income?

Answer: Veterans' entitlement to non-service-connected disability pension is premised on three basic criteria: the individual must have a minimum of 90 days of active military service, one of which must have been during a designated wartime period; the veteran must be permanently and totally disabled or so disabled that it would be impossible for the average person to pursue substantially gainful employment; and the veterans' countable income must be within limits defined by statute. Because your active service was entirely during peacetime, you do not meet the service eligibility requirement for pension benefits.

February Students of the Month



The Grayling Middle School has announced the February Students of the Month — Dawn Adloff, Terah Armstrong, Rebecca Baumgardner, Nick Baynam, Nathan Bush, Toshia Butts, Alisha Carlisle, Ashlee Cox, Samantha Davis, Sunny Evans, Matthew Cottrell, Heather Goodrow, Amanda Gomez, James Gribben, Tiffany Halstead, Katie Haskin, Lynn Johnston, Juell Joseph, Anthony Jurkovich, Travis LaMotte, Brandi McClain, Cameron McClain, Joshua Myers, Kate Nickert, Angie Palmer, Scott Paulins, Jessica Peterson, Branden Pyle, T.J. Rankin, Jeff Rose, Andrew Sioan and Krittie Wargo. Not all students listed were photographed.

FOOTNOTES FROM THE HILLS

Grayling Recreation Authority News

By Cindy Olson

Spring Schedule

Our new hours are Saturday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cross country is available seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Grooming guaranteed on Saturday and Sunday only. Spring skiing is the best.

Saturday and Sunday March 9 and 10

Ski any time Saturday and bring your lift ticket to us on Sunday and ski free.

March Family Fun Night

March 16 is March Family Fun Night. Wear green and pay half price for lift tickets and rental. Enjoy a meal deal in our snack bar, or just come and enjoy the bonfire.

Booster Club Day

Sunday, March 17, is Booster Club Day from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Any Booster Club member families may ski for \$5, rental is additional. Sledding and skiing is free.

GSB Ski Race Clinic

Many children and families have benefited from the Grayling State Bank Race Clinic on Sundays. Many thanks.

Indoor Soccer

Indoor soccer will begin March 9. We are still accepting registrations and we need sponsors. Coaches meeting will be Tuesday, March 5, at 7 p.m.

Indoor Roller Blade Hockey

Indoor roller blade hockey picture day is Thursday, March 7. Come a half hour before your game starts.

Boys Basketball League

The boys basketball program finished their season on March 2.

Special thanks to all of our sponsors and volunteers that made this program possible.

Pom Pon Program

Our pom pon program finished Wednesday, Feb. 28, with a performance at the high school basketball game. Thanks to Carrie Wells and Jennifer Evans for coaching this excellent program.

Adult Co-ed Volleyball

Everyone's welcome, come join us on Thursday evenings, at 7:30 p.m., at

the high school gym for adult co-ed volleyball.

Looking Ahead

April 6: Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and Easter egg hunt.

April 8: T-ball and youth softball registration begins.

April 27: Equipment Swap.

May 2: Youth softball begins.

May 4: Hanson Hills clean up.

May 7: Adult softball begins.

May 11: Kite day.

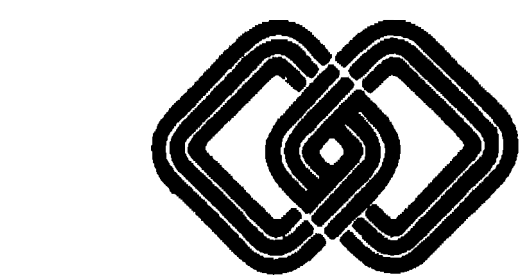
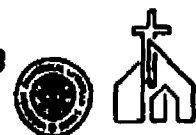
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ACC 320	Cost Accounting II	Monday
LAW 211	Legal Environment of Business	Monday Shannon
CIS 101	Computer Info Processing	Tuesday Caspo
FIN 340	Corporate Finance	Tuesday
MTH 336	College Algebra	Tuesday
PHL 302	Ethics	Tuesday
COM 122	College Writing II	Wednesday King
ECO 201	Macroeconomics	Wednesday
MGT 300	Principles of Management	Thursday Caspo
MKT 316	Sales Management	Thursday Palda
MTH 136	Fundamentals of College Math	Thursday Glaza

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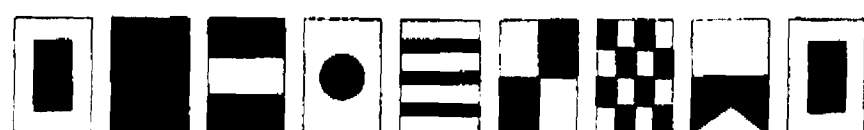
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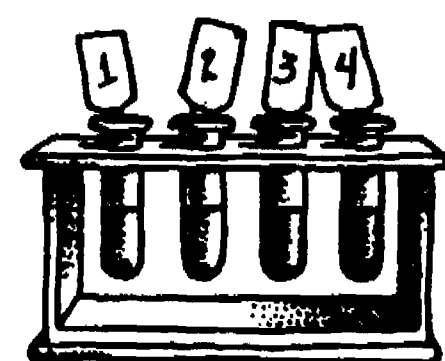
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The Explorers of Art and Science
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the Grayling Elementary School. The
fair focuses on the quality of the fin-
ished product in art, the writing proc-
ess in writing and the scientific method
along with problem solving in sci-
ence.

There were 331 entries in the art and
science fair this year. Students were
able to work by themselves, with a
friend or with their family when de-
veloping their entries for the science
and art fair.

High school instructor, Bambi
Mansfield, delighted students and par-
ents with a story and pottery demon-
stration. At the end of the fair, Mans-
field passed out clay to allow students
to make bowls, which will be used to
raise money to feed the hungry.

The following students received
outstanding awards for their science
fair entries:

•Will an object weigh differently in
water than it does in air? Andy Currison,
kindergarten, Grayling Elemen-
tary School.

•Is the "Ice Cube Trick" science or
magic? Richard (Rocky) McNamara,
kindergarten, Grayling Elementary
School.

•Does a fish act differently when
you hold a mirror to it? Rachel and
Nicole Doremire, kindergarten and
fourth grade, Grayling Elementary
School.

•Does air take up space? Mrs.
Brunell's first grade class, Grayling
Elementary School.

•Can ice cubes melt faster in air or
water? Jessica Banda, first grade,
Grayling Elementary School.

•Are earthworms more active in
warm temperatures or cold tempera-
tures? Scot Olson, first grade, Gray-
ling Elementary School.

•What keeps ducks from getting
wet? Monica Leslie, first grade, Gray-
ling Elementary School.

•Does shape make a difference in
paper strength? Ryan Feldhauser,
second grade, Grayling Elementary
School.

•How important is water in pop-
corn? Chelsea Currison, second grade,
Grayling Elementary School.

•What are the unknown chemicals?
Mrs. Rauch-Smock's second grade
class, Grayling Elementary School.

•What is a battery and can you make
one at home? Mallory Sager, third
grade, Grayling Elementary School.

•What diaper can hold the most water
and how much water can it hold? Ellie
Currison, third grade, Grayling Elemen-
tary School.

•What colors are hidden in the ink of
a felt tip marking pen? Jennifer Long
Holly Derenzy and Carolyn Dobry,
third grade, Grayling Elementary
School.

•If you mixed up raw and hard boiled
eggs together, how could you tell them
apart? Alex McNamara, third grade,
Grayling Elementary School.

•Can popcorn be made to pop bet-
ter? Josh Hinkle and Gibson Tobin,
third grade, Grayling Elementary
School.

•How does a man gain one pound in
a marine food pyramid? Alex Sendek
and Mike Gassman, fourth grade,
Frederic Elementary School.

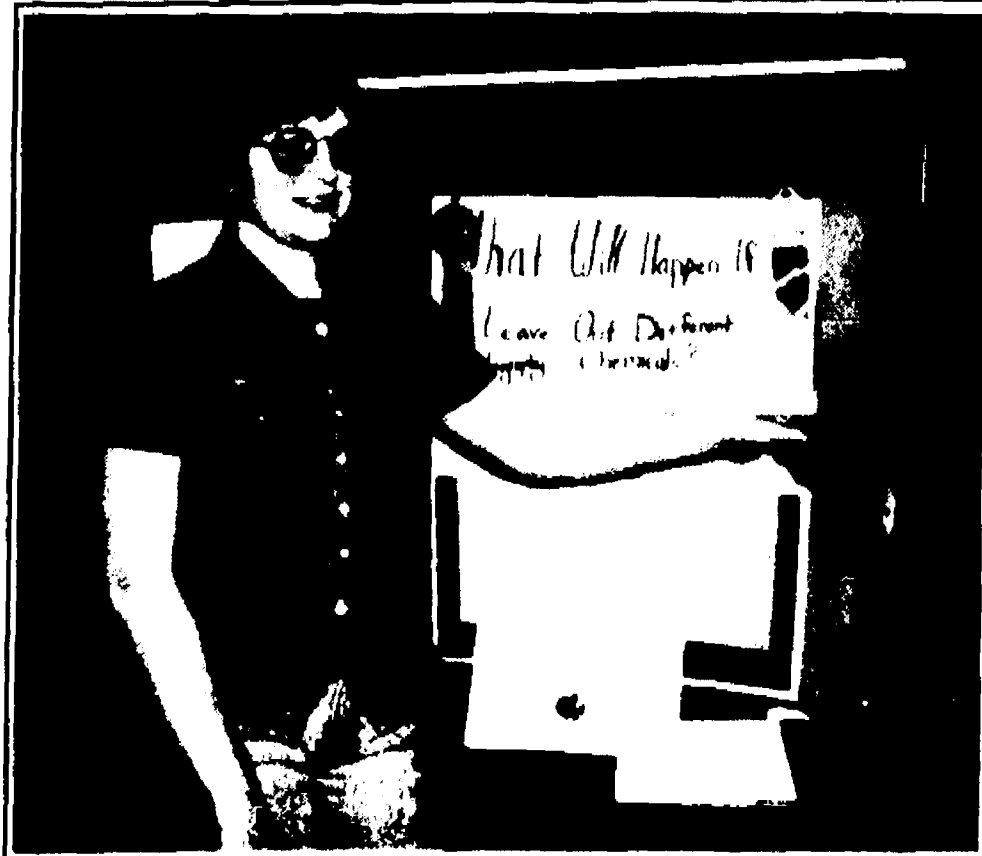
•How does a telegraph work? Matt
Seager, fourth grade, home school.

•What will happen if you leave out
different photography chemicals?
Nicole Persing, fifth grade, Grayling
Middle School.

•Can you tell the difference between
generic and name brand foods? Kevin
Jozwiak, fifth grade, Grayling Middle
School.

•How is your house wired for elec-
tricity? Lynn Johnston and Megan
Cox, fifth grade, Grayling Middle
School.

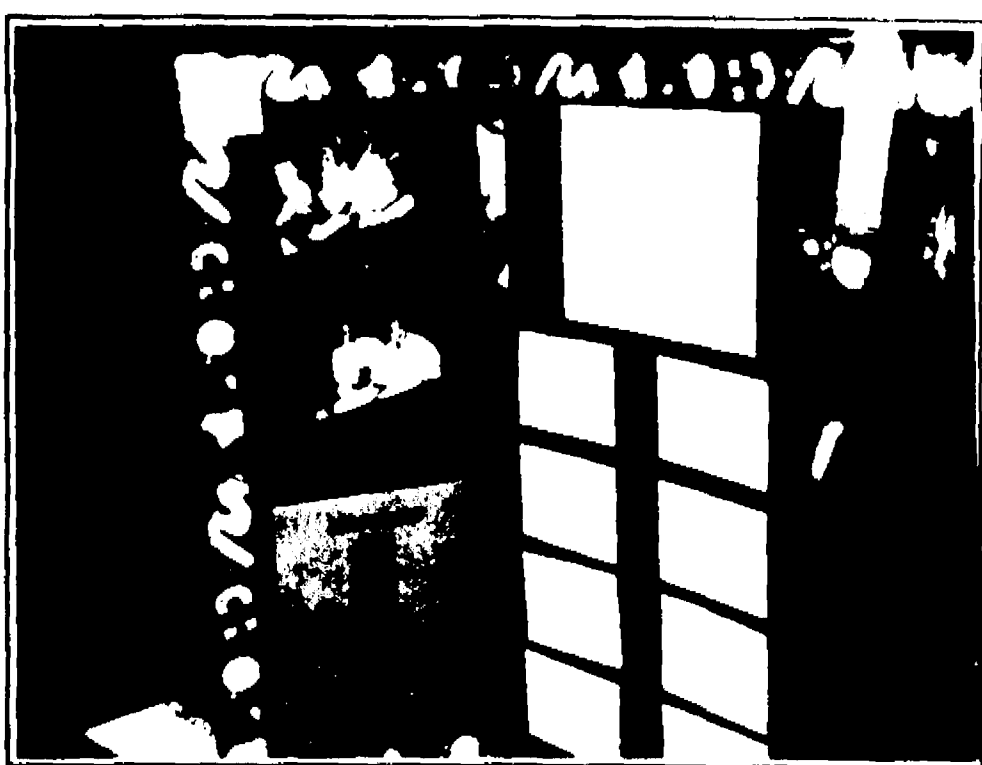
•How can you see sound? Bryan
Winchester, fifth grade, Grayling
Middle School.



SPECTACULAR JOB -- Nicole Persing, a fifth grader at
Grayling Middle School points out what a photo would look like
if developed without all of the necessary chemicals. Nicole
received the "Superintendent's Spectacular Reward for her sci-
ence fair entry.



A LIVING WORK OF ART -- Ashley Wakely (L.) paints the
face of Laura Babbitt at the Arts and Science Fair. Face painting,
popcorn and an art demonstration by Bambi Mansfield were all
part of the exiting activities during the fair.



OUTSTANDING JOB -- This exhibit received an outstand-
ing award earning 15 out of 15 possible points. The question
"What are the unknown chemicals?" was answered by Mrs.
Rauch-Smock's second grade class.



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Wednesday, March 20

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of the individuals, businesses,
and organizations of Crawford
County who helped make
this year's Auction a record
breaker, and the 1996
United Way Campaign
was the largest ever!



Crawford County United Way



Marty Gannon accepting a check from area banks for United
Way. Pictured from left are Bill Gannon, Joe Swain, Donna
Masker, James R. Kanary, Marty, & Keith Kenney



Bill & Marty Gannon accepting a check from the Grayling Eagles,
Aerie 3465 for United Way. Also pictured from left are Eagles
President John Kuszak, VP Wally Mansfield and Trustee Bill
Holton



Marty Gannon accepting a check from Mercy Hospital's matching
gift program for the United Way. Also pictured from left are Mercy
employee representatives Nancy Meyer and Kathy Kunik.

Michigan youngsters at risk:

Survey shows youth least likely to buckle up

Two recent traffic crashes highlight Michigan's dangerously low safety belt use among youngsters. In January, a 9-year-old boy in Muskegon was killed when he was thrown against the dash just as the vehicle's air bag deployed. He was not wearing a safety belt. More recently, a Detroit toddler was seriously injured when he was thrown from a vehicle during impact. His safety seat was not buckled into the car.

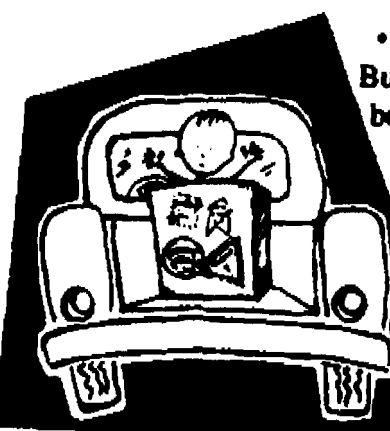
Many Michigan parents and guardians are doing a poor job of buckling up their kids, according to the latest direct observation survey which shows that children aged 4-15 have the lowest safety belt use of all age groups, putting them at special risk in the event of a crash.

Although overall safety belt use for the state is almost 67 percent, only 58.8 percent of youngsters wear safety belts, according to findings from the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute. Parents who do not buckle up set a poor example for their children and generally do not buckle up their children.

"Parents, guardians and other caregivers must take responsibility for seeing to it that children are buckled up properly," said Betty J. Mercer, executive director of the Office of Highway Safety Planning. "Once children outgrow child safety seats or booster seats, they must be buckled up, even in the back seat of a vehicle."

Traffic safety experts stress several things when it comes to properly re-

Basic safety facts to remember:



- There must be one belt for each person. Buckling two people into one belt could injure both.
- The back seat usually is safer than the front. Head-on crashes are the most serious and the most common. The middle of the back seat is the safest spot because it is farthest from danger.
- Children who have outgrown safety seats are better protected by lap-shoulder belts than by lap belts alone.
- The cargo area of a station wagon or van is a very dangerous place for anyone to ride.

kids aren't cargo

straining babies, toddlers and children:

- although 80 percent of children 0-3 in Michigan are buckled up, a majority of child safety seats are not correctly installed in the vehicle or children are not properly secured in the seats;
- rear-facing infant seats should never be placed in the front seat of a vehicle with dual air bags
- and children must always be in a child safety seat or a safety belt when riding in the front seat of a vehicle with dual air bags.

"With child safety seats, one size does not fit all," Mercer said. "Because there is no clear cut answer for every case, people must carefully read their vehicle owner's manual."

It is imperative that a child safety seat fit securely into a vehicle. Different seats are more compatible in certain vehicles. When installing a seat, read both the manual provided with the seat and the vehicle owner's manual to be certain it is placed correctly.

Passenger-side air bags pose a serious risk to babies in rear-facing child safety seats. When rear-facing infant restraints are used in the front seat of dual air bag vehicles, they extend forward to a point near the dashboard where they can be struck by a rapidly deploying air bag. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) tests showed that the extreme force of an air bag deploying against a rear-facing child seat could

injure and even kill the child. Children in forward-facing child safety seats placed in the front seat of a vehicle with dual air bags should be placed with the vehicle seat as far back as possible.

NHTSA has also extended that warning to older children and even adults who may be riding unrestrained in vehicles with passenger-side air bags.

Air bags provide supplemental frontal crash protection only. The safety belt, which provides protection in most types of crashes, is the primary and most essential item of safety equipment in the vehicle and must work in tandem with the air bag.

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DISTRICT COURT

Appearing before Judge Francis L. Walsh:

Robert Jacob Weigel, 29, of Grayling, plead guilty to the charge of Larceny Under \$100, and was fined \$190 or 14 days, and ordered to pay \$130 restitution—restitution paid. On motion of prosecuting attorney, original charge of False Pretenses Over \$100 was amended to above. He was cited Feb. 3, 1995, by the city police.

Daniel Carl Lidster, 21, of Holly, plead no contest to the charge of Larceny Under \$100, and was ordered to serve 90 days in the county jail, with credit for 90 days served. He was cited May 2, 1995, by the sheriff dept.

Joshua Benfield Nethers, 17, of Grayling, plead guilty to the charge of Illegal Entry Without Permission, and was fined \$240 or 30 days, and placed on one year probation. He was cited Dec. 22, 1995, by the sheriff dept.

David Michael Greer, 24, of Inkster, plead guilty to the charge of Assault & Battery, and was fined \$200 or 20 days, \$200 attorney fees or 20 days, plus ordered to serve 30 days in the county jail, with credit for time served. He was cited March 22, 1995, by the

sheriff dept.

Rodney Eugene Penley, 34, of Sawyer, plead guilty to the charge of Grayling City Ordinance #4, Disorderly Person, and was fined \$50 or 10 days. He was cited May 20, 1989.

Barbara Lucille Decraene, 52, of Grayling, plead guilty to the charge of Impaired Driving, and was fined \$540 or 60 days, placed on six months probation, plus her license was suspended 90 days. She was cited Nov. 5, 1995, by the state police.

Wm. Vernon Silver, 27, of Westland, plead guilty to the charge of Driving While License Suspended, and was fined \$340 or 30 days. He was cited Jan. 12, 1996, by the state police.

Daniel Carl Lidster, Jr., 20, of Holly, plead guilty to Count I: Driving While License Suspended, and Count II: No Insurance, and was sentenced to 90 days in the county jail, with credit for 90 days served. On motion of prosecuting attorney, the charge of Altered Registration Plate dismissed upon above plea.

Nancy Lee Schocke (Schutt), 38, of Grayling, demanded a preliminary

exam on the charge of OUIL 3rd Offense.

Ralph Avery Reynolds, 33, of Roscommon, was bound over to circuit court on the charge of OUIL 3rd. A \$10,000 cash or surety bond was set.

LEGAL ACTION

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD CLAIMS NOTICE Independent Probate

File No. 96-00530-1H

Estate of Douglas Lee Miljare.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following.

The decedent, whose last known address was 6568 Marquette, Frederic, MI 49733, died Jan. 31, 1996.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative, Donald D. Miljare, 7336 Forest, Frederic, MI 49733, or to both the independent personal representative and the Crawford County Probate Court, Grayling, Michigan, within four months of the date of publication of this notice.

Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter as signed and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Public Accuracy Test for the March 19, 1996, Presidential Primary Election has been scheduled for Thursday, March 14, 1996, at 2 pm in the Crawford County Courthouse building, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the program(s) and precinct ballot counters being used to tabulate the results of the election, count the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

Sandra Moore
 Crawford County Clerk
 March 1, 1996

NOTICE CITY OF GRAYLING BOARD OF REVIEW

The City of Grayling Board of Review will meet with taxpayers on the following dates: Monday, March 11th, 9 am - 12 noon and 1 - 5 pm, and Saturday, March 16th, 9 am to 12 noon.

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO	FACTOR
RESIDENTIAL	50.00	1.0000
COMMERCIAL	50.00	1.0000
INDUSTRIAL	50.00	1.0000
PERSONAL	50.00	1.0000

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LEGAL ACTION

NOTICE

The following vehicle will be offered for sale at public auction to be held at 7 pm on March 14, 1996, at the lobby of the Crawford County Sheriff Department. The vehicle is located at 9700 Elizabeth St., Eagle Pte. Rd., Grayling, MI 49738, if anyone is interested in viewing the vehicle prior to the sale.

1984 Ford Tempo, brown, 4-door, (mileage) 105,552
#1FABP22R1EK300143

For further information, please contact Cpt. Art Clough at the Crawford County Sheriff Department, 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 348-4616.

NOTICE

BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The Beaver Creek Township Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting March 5, 1996, at 11 am at the Beaver Creek Township Hall for the purpose of reviewing the 1996 Assessment Roll. The Board of Review will meet with taxpayers Monday, March 11, 1996, and Tuesday, March 12, 1996, 9 am to 12 noon and 1 to 4 pm at the Beaver Creek Township Hall, 8994 S. Oak Rd., Grayling.

The following are tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property in Beaver Creek Township.

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO	FACTOR
Agricultural	41.35	1.2092
Commercial	50.46	.9909
Residential	48.75	1.0256
Personal	49.96	1.0008
Industrial	49.99	1.0002

Irene Schultes
Township Supervisor

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Please be notified the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on March 20, 1996 (rescheduled from March 18, 1996), at 7 pm in the Township Office, 2090 Viking Way (M-72W) to hear the following cases:

- Case #96-2:** Orlin D. Luckstead, petitioner.
T26N, R3W, Sec. 9. Clearwater Trail.
NRD Zone.
A request to: (1) Construct a 32' x 52' residence with 10' deck, closest point of construction 100' from the river, a variance of 100'; and (2) Construct a 24' x 42' detached accessory building to the rear of proposed residence 180' from the river, a variance of 20'.
- Case #96-3:** Kenneth Jacobs, petitioner.
T26N, R3W, Sec. 3. Headquarters Road.
R-F Zone.
A request to construct a 32' x 60' (1,920 sq. ft.) detached accessory building, a variance of 320 sq. ft.
- Case #96-4:** Withdrawn by petitioner.
- Case #96-5:** Karen Wallace, petitioner.
T26N, R4W, Sec. 12. 6882 Turner Trail.
NRD Zone.
A request to construct a 36' x 20' addition to an existing residence. Closest point of new construction 150' to the river, a variance of 50', and 6' from the E. side lot line, a variance of 34'.

Tentative text and zoning maps may be examined at the Township Office during regular business hours.

Correspondence concerning the request should be directed to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Telephone: (517) 348-4361.

Monica Ashton
Township Clerk

NOTICE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Road/Stream Crossings Whirlpool and Mt. Frederic Roads

The Road Commission For Crawford County Crawford County, Michigan

Sealed Proposals will be received from Contractors having current Michigan Department of Transportation prequalification, by The Road Commission For Crawford County, at the Road Commission office, 500 Huron Street, Grayling, Michigan 49738, until 1 pm local time on Friday, March 29, 1996, at which time all proposals will be opened and read aloud.

The project consists of work at three separate locations. Two, of which, are on Mt. Frederic Road and one is at the end of Whirlpool Road. Work at the Mt. Frederic Road locations involve removing existing culverts, installing a 6'x12' precast concrete box culvert, and extending existing 36" culvert. Work at the Whirlpool Road location consists of replacing existing culverts with a 42"x29" pipe arch culvert. At all three sites there will be erosion control measures constructed and some minor road work.

The Instructions To Bidders and the drawings and specifications may be examined at The Road Commission For Crawford County offices, and also at the office of the Engineer, Northwest Design Group, Inc., P.O. Box 576, 12608 Taylor Road, Charlevoix, Michigan, 49720. Bidding documents may be purchased from the Engineer for the non-refundable fee of \$40.00 per set. The Michigan Department of Transportation Standard Specifications For Construction, 1990 edition, is also part of the contract.

Each Bidder shall file a statement signed by, or on behalf of the person, firm, association, or corporation submitting the bid, certifying that such person, firm, association or corporation, has not, either directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action, in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with the submitted bid. Failure to submit the signed statement as part of the bid proposal will result in rejection of the bid.

This is a Federal Aid Project under the provisions of Section 113 of Title 23 U.S.C., as amended by the Federal Aid Highway Act Of 1968. The Davis-Bacon Act is applicable and requires the Secretary of Labor to determine the minimum wage rates to be paid by the Contractor and Subcontractors, which rates will be given in detail in the proposal.

The MDOT Contractor prequalification work classification is 6E, 6Fa, or 8J. The project is subject to 60% limitation on Subcontracting.

A certified check or bidder's bond for a sum not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the proposal will be required with each proposal.

No bid may be withdrawn for thirty days after the bid opening date.

The Bidder to whom a contract is awarded will be required to furnish a performance bond and a labor and material payment bond for 100 percent of the total contract amount.

The Road Commission For Crawford County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive defects in bids, and to accept bids in any manner deemed in its own best interest.

The Road Commission For Crawford County
Mr. James Briney, Managing Director

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Meeting held on Feb. 12, 1996

Meeting called to order by Mayor Golnick at 7:30 p.m. Members present: Stevens, Golnick, Akers, Ruddy, Moshier. Members absent: None. Also in attendance: Jerry W. Morford, City Manager, Kay Ellen King, Leonard Graf, three students, Judy Morford.

Moved by Ruddy, supported by Akers that the minutes of the meeting of Jan. 29, 1996, be approved as presented. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Citizens who wish to speak: None. Communications were received and noted. M.M.L. re: Workers Comp Rebates. City received \$12,902.66 rebate for 1989-1994 due to fund surplus.

County Board Minutes of Jan. 23, 1996. M.M.L. Legislative Bulletin.

Moved by Golnick, supported by Stevens to send letters to Senator Honigman, Representative Lowe and M.M.L. opposing State Prohibition of Residency Requirement for Home Rule cities. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

motion carried.

Letter to Representative Allen Lowe from Crawford County Transportation Authority Director regarding airport.

Letter from VFW Auxiliary re: July 4th parade.

Moved by Golnick, supported by Stevens to approve the VFW Auxiliary 4th of July Parade request and to thank them for their continued interest in this activity. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Old Business.

1996 Street Program. General questions were asked and answered regarding the proposed program. Engineer Graf and Manager Morford explained the proposed project which is mostly sidewalk work on the south side of the river and around the new elementary school area.

Moved by Stevens, supported by Akers that the City Manager be authorized to place ads for bidding the 1996 Street Program as presented. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Moved by Stevens, supported by Akers to pay invoice from Richards & Associates in the amount of \$3,195.31 for specifications and contract documents for the 1996 Street Improvement Project. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

New Business.

Proposed Lot Split, Lot 8, Blk 16, Original Plat. Mr. Ostrowski is requesting a lot split to allow sale of two individual buildings already

on the site. There are no yard requirements or parking requirements in a C-1 Zone so City Manager Morford recommended approval of this request.

Moved by Stevens, supported by Akers to allow proposed Lot Split, Lot 8, Blk 16, Original Plat, according to City Ordinance #86-1. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Planning Contract for City/Township Master Plan. City Manager recommends entering into the Master Plan contract with Mark Wycoff as presented with minor language changes.

Moved by Golnick, supported by Akers to enter into a City/Township Master Plan agreement as presented with minor language changes. City Manager is authorized to sign contract. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Reports of City Manager

M.S.P. Lease is complete, the lease will run until Sept. 30, 2005.

M.M.L. Workers Comp Fund Refund for purchase of police body armor. We received \$900 rebate due to our training and procedures being up to date.

SawMill, trying to sell. Manager will inspect with Fire Department and Building Inspector and report back.

Ad in M.M.L. Magazine for sale of Case Back-Hoe. Bids to be received by March 8, 1996. Minimum bid \$6,000.

Senator McManus study on State Land Use.

Cable T-V Tolling Order.

Reports of Council Members

Mr. Stevens noted that the staff should be commended for handling of complaints during water freeze-ups in last week.

Mr. Golnick asked about water freeze-up notice in paper. Mr. Morford said he did not think it was needed at this time due to warming trend.

Adjournment.

Moved by Golnick, supported by Stevens that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Jerry W. Morford
City Manager & City Clerk

Americans spend a half an hour
per week 24 hours a year
collecting & taking out trash



NOTICE

TAXPAYERS OF FREDERIC TOWNSHIP

The Frederic Township Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 7564 Kelly Ave., Frederic, MI on the following dates:

Organizational Meeting: Tuesday, March 5, 9 am
To meet with taxpayers: Monday, March 11, 9 am - 3 pm
Saturday, March 16, 9 am - 3 pm.

CLASS	RATIO	FACTOR
Agricultural	50.00	1.0000
Commercial	48.73	1.0261
Industrial	50.00	1.0000
Residential	46.70	1.0707

Brian Hulbert, Supervisor

NOTICE LOVELLS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS

As required by the provisions of the OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT PA 267, the Lovells Township Board hereby lists and posts the dates, times, and places of all of its regular meetings during the 1996-1997 fiscal year as follows:

- All regular board meetings will be held at the Lovells Township Hall.
- All regular board meetings will be held the second Tuesday of each month and will commence promptly at 7 pm on the following dates:

April 9, 1996	October 8, 1996
May 14, 1996	November 12, 1996
June 11, 1996	December 10, 1996
July 9, 1996	January 14, 1997
August 13, 1996	February 11, 1997
September 10, 1996	March 11, 1997

LOVELLS TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD and ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS will meet on April 1, 1996, and October 7, 1996.

BOARD OF REVIEW will meet with taxpayers on March 10, 1997, and March 11, 1997.

- All changes and special meetings will be posted eighteen (18) hours in advance.

Cheryl Hopp
Lovells Township Clerk

NOTICE

TAXPAYERS OF MAPLE FOREST

Maple Forest Township Board of Review will hold its Organizational Meeting on March 5, 1996, at 9 am.

The Board of Review will meet with the public on the following dates & times:

March 11, 1996 - 9 am to 12 noon & 1-4 pm
March 13, 1996 - 1-4 pm & 5-8 pm

Mark Kries
Supervisor

NOTICE

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

Grayling Townships Board of review will hold an organizational meeting on Monday, March 4, 1996, at 10 am at the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, Michigan 49738. Telephone: (517) 348-4361.

The Board of Review will re-convene at the same address to meet with taxpayers starting at 9 am Monday, March 11, 1996, until 12 noon and 1 to 4 pm. They will meet again with taxpayers on Tuesday, March 12, 1996, during the same hours. Petitioners will be received on a "first-come-first-served basis."

Arnold Stancil, Supervisor
Monica Ashton, Clerk

NOTICE

ATTENTION DOG OWNERS

BEGINNING MARCH 18, 1996

THE FEES FOR DOG LICENSES WILL DOUBLE
FEES FOR MALE OR FEMALE DOGS
WILL CHANGE FROM \$5.00 TO \$10.00
FEES FOR SPAYED OR NEUTERED DOGS
WILL CHANGE FROM \$3.00 TO \$6.00

Licenses may be purchased from the Grayling Hospital for Animals, the Crawford County Animal Shelter, or the Crawford County Treasurer's Office.

Election Notice

NOTICE OF PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION TO THE ELECTORS OF CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN BEING HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 1996

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD IN ALL VOTING PRECINCTS IN THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 1996.

THE POLLS LISTED OF SAID ELECTION WILL BE OPEN AT 7 AM AND WILL REMAIN OPEN UNTIL 8 PM ON THE DAY OF ELECTION.

LOCATION OF VOTING POLLS:	PRECINCTS:	CLERKS:
BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP OFFICE	101	SHARON HARTMAN
FREDERIC TOWNSHIP LIBRARY	201	NANCY BINDSCHATEL
GRAYLING TOWNSHIP OFFICE	301 302 303 304	MONICA ASHTON
LOVELLS TOWNSHIP OFFICE	401	CHERYL HOPP
MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP OFFICE	501	SUSAN KEENE
SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP OFFICE	601	MARY MOLLON
GRAYLING CITY HALL	701	JERRY MORFORD

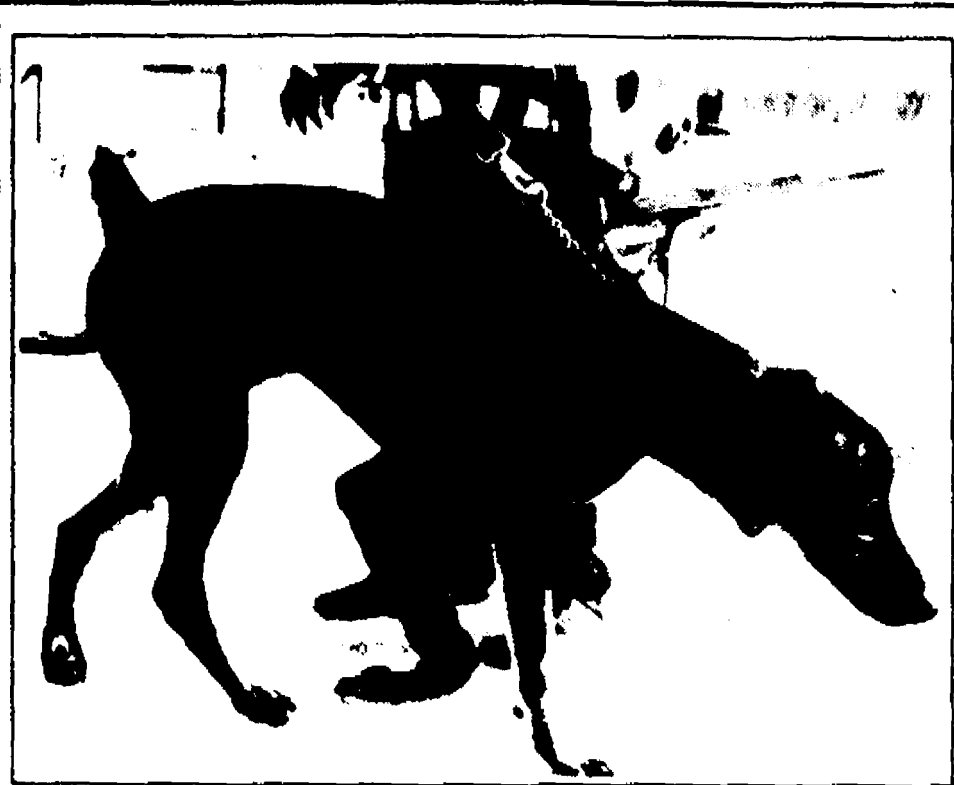
FACTS AND FEATURES

YOUR HOROSCOPE

Your Week Ahead Horoscope

Forecast For: March 3 - 9, 1996

- ARIES**
March 21-April 19
No time for socializing. Complete unfinished tasks before allowing time for yourself.
- TAURUS**
April 20 - May 20
You cannot foresee into the future, so don't worry about it. The past may hold more answers than you think.
- GEMINI**
May 21 - June 20
Family problems surface. Listen before making judgments. Don't hold grudges. Be fair.
- CANCER**
June 21 - July 22
A project is finally completed. Look for big dividends to come soon. You will be praised and promoted.
- LEO**
July 23 - Aug 22
Non-profit organization could use your expertise. Donate a little of your spare time to helping others.
- VIRGO**
Aug 23 - Sept 22
Health concerns become valid. See your doctor and get a second opinion if necessary. Don't take chances.
- LIBRA**
Sept 23 - Oct 22
Don't allow personal problems to affect your professional perspective. Stay in control at all times.
- SCORPIO**
Oct 23 - Nov 21
Family member asks for help. Do what you can without making a financial commitment.
- SAGITTARIUS**
Nov 22 - Dec 21
The competition heats up. Use your best powers of persuasion to hold on to your competitive edge.
- CAPRICORN**
Dec 22 - Jan 19
Don't expect to win the lottery, but you could be in for a nice surprise. Money will be yours for the taking.
- AQUARIUS**
Jan 20 - Feb 18
An old friend or co-worker surfaces. Give them your attention and glean whatever information they are willing to impart.
- PISCES**
Feb 19 - March 20
A quick and impulsive decision will be regretted, later. Rethink your problem and resolve it methodically.



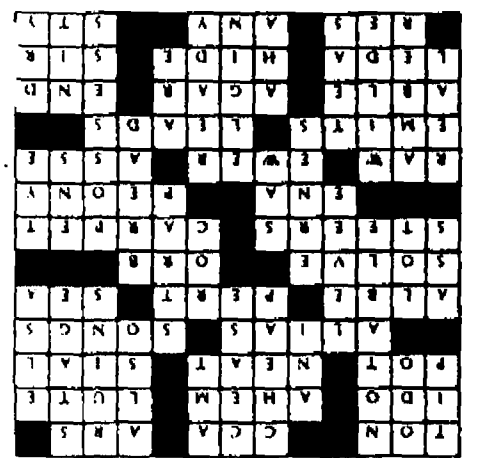
VESTA NEEDS A HOME-This 9-month-old doberman mix is spayed, has had shots, is housebroken, and is good with kids. If you would like to give her a home, or any of the other animals at the shelter, stop by the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, or give them a call at 348-4117.

PET CARE TIPS

Keeping warm during the winter takes extra calories, so give your dog a little extra food, advises the Animal Protection Institute. Also, a teaspoon of vegetable oil mixed with pet food will keep her coat moisturized.

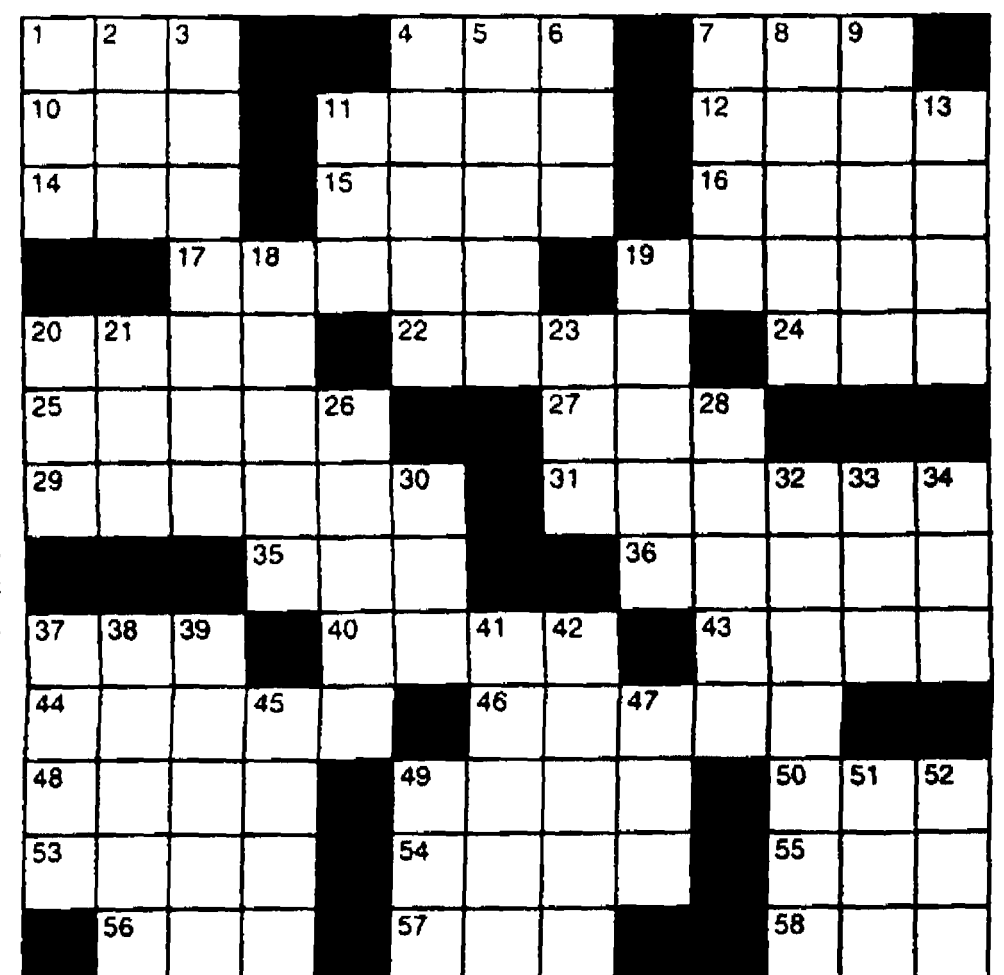
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THIS WEEK'S PUZZLE ANSWERS



- ACROSS**
- Heavy weight
 - Circuit Court of Appeals, abbr.
 - Act, Lat.
 - Marriage vow, 2 wds.
 - Interjection
 - Musical instrument
 - Cooking vessel
 - Tidy
 - Outer portion of earth
 - Assumed names
 - Tunes
 - Roman list
 - Saucy
 - Ocean
 - Unravel
 - Sphere
 - Guides
 - Floor covering
 - Alfonso's queen
 - Flower
 - Uncooked
 - Vase-shaped jug
 - S. Afr. fox
 - Sends forth
 - Conducts
 - Capable
 - Edible seaweed
 - Terminate
 - Castor's mother
 - Conceal

- Knight's title
- Legal matter
- One chosen at random
- Enclosure
- Stop
- Amount, abbr.
- Too
- Some historic sites
- Degree
- Blackbird
- Famous lioness
- Embankment
- Switch
- Donkey
- Building site
- Fabulous bird
- Sea eagle
- Good, in general
- Observed
- Own
- Printer's measure
- Nautical rope
- Genuine
- Fossil resin
- Oscar
- City in Ill.
- Prepared
- Afternoon parties
- Be
- Exclamation
- Insect egg
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A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 years ago March 7, 1973

Terry Fitzpatrick, 18, senior at Grayling High School, received an appointment to the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, as a member of the Class of 1977, from Vice Admiral W. P. Mack, superintendent of the academy.

Terry is the son of Mrs. Warren Fitzpatrick of 601 Ottawa St. and the late Mr. Fitzpatrick.

Contract for the construction of the new bridge on State Street across the AuSable River, was awarded to the J. J. Fox Construction Co. of Caro.

Fire caused considerable damage to the Robert Wakeley home at 808 Smith St. Saturday afternoon. The fire apparently started in the bedroom, with the entire interior of the dwelling receiving damage from water, smoke and heat.

Saturday, Feb. 24, senior band members from Grayling High School traveled to Charlevoix to be rated as a complete concert band. The band came back with a B rating, being judged as a Class B band.

Miss Janice Trudgeon has been approved by the Foreign Exchange Student Committee to represent the United States as an exchange student this summer. Janice is a 16-year-old junior at Grayling High School, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Trudgeon.

Bear Mountain's 4th annual Mardi Gras will be held this weekend, March 10 and 11. Events include helicopter rides, ice-skating race, slalom races, sky-diving exhibitions, masquerade dance, torch-light parade, among many other activities.

Sp. 4 Donn Broeker has returned from his tour of duty in Vietnam and has been transferred to a new duty station. He and his wife Diane and son are now residing in Augusta, Georgia, near Camp Gordon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Evans (Sally Gould) of Duluth, Minnesota, are the parents of a baby boy born Monday morning, March 5. He has been named Mark Edward. Local grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bud Gould of Grayling.

Advertised at the Black & White Market this week are Betty Crocker cake mixes, 29¢; Campbell's tomato soup, 10¢ each; Banquet pot pies, three for 49¢; Tuna or Hamburg Helper, 39¢; chuck steaks, 89¢ a pound; and Trueworth coffee, 79¢ a pound.

Rochette's has advertised this week: Frito Lay potato chips, 59¢; Borden's ice cream, 59¢ a half gallon; R.C. Cola, three quarts for 89¢, and milk, 93¢ a gallon.

46 years ago March 9, 1950

Fire of undetermined origin swept the interior of the home of Alex F. Doner last Wednesday night. Starting in the basement, flames badly damaged the interior of the dwelling and its furnishing before being brought under control by the local fire department. Firemen were hampered in their efforts to quench the flames by a high wind and near-zero temperatures.

The final total of the March of Dimes campaign in Crawford County was \$1,725.76, it was announced this week by Willard Cornell, campaign director.

This coming Monday night, the Kiwanis Club of Grayling will stage their annual "Flowers to the Living" dinner. The dinner will be held at the Masonic Hall and the outstanding Kiwanian of 1949 will be honored by the presentation of a gift, and his wife by a gift of flowers.

The High School Band attended the District No 2 music festival at Traverse City, and received a rating of Division II from the judges.

Don't forget the salmon steak dinner at Jake's Bar of Sweets, March 25. Proceeds to go to the telephone fund.

Glenda Kellogg was an overnight guest on Friday, of Nancy Papenfus, later attending the basketball tournament games in Gaylord.

On Saturday evening, March 4, a number of friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Funsch, for a birthday party on Mrs. Mattie Funsch, on her 87th birthday. After an evening spent visiting, a lunch was served.

Mrs. Pat Harwood entertained the Suitor Trump pinocle club Thursday evening. Mrs. Ed Sorenson, Mrs. Danny Brown and Mrs. Frank May Jr. were guests.

Donald Ashton has enlisted with the U.S. Air Force. He is stationed at present at Lackland Field, San Antonio, Texas.

Mrs. Ella Wilcox was hostess to a number of friends at a dinner party at Camp Shoppenagon on the AuSable on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Roberts have returned home after spending two weeks in Flint, visiting their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Harvey and daughter, Sandra. The Harveys, whom they had accompanied to Flint, brought them home and spent the weekend.

Eugene Papendick left for Washington D.C. Friday, to attend the American Bottlers Carbonated Beverages school for bottlers, held at the Lafayette Hotel, headquarters for the institution.

Due to the storm Thursday, the Beaver Creek school bus only got up to near the Sand Hill and didn't get any further, but went back. No school Thursday.

Arvie Cox of Walled Lake, came up for the weekend and Mrs. Cox returned to her home with him.

The young people of the Free Methodist Church had one grand time last Friday night. The group met with a like group from Roscommon, for a winter sports party on a trafficless county road hill, 2 1/2 miles from Roscommon. The group enjoyed tobogganing, skiing, sledding, a bonfire, hot chocolate and hot dogs.

Robert Bovee, Joseph Stripe, Frank Bond and Coach Bruce Smith were in Boyne City Monday evening to attend a banquet of the North Michigan Class C Conference held at the Hotel Dilworth.

The faculty of the Frederic Rural Agricultural School attended the institute for teachers at Houghton Lake Wednesday. Sessions were held Wednesday.

Barbara Ann Mertes is the latest addition to the population of Frederic. She was born March 1. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mertes are the proud parents.

69 years ago March 10, 1927

A life certificate of membership was conferred upon our well-known citizen, Richard D. Connine, a member of 40 years by Grayling Lodge No 356 F&AM, at their regular meeting last Thursday night. Three other names besides that of Mr. Connine now grace the roster of life members—George W. Comer, initiated in 1881; Rasmus Hanson in 1881; and Wright Havens, 1882. Mr. Bates is also fast approaching the 40-year mark.

Rev. Rosenbund, a missionary from Santalistan, India, is in the city and will address the Danish congregation at the church this afternoon.

Edwin Gierke has been engaged at the Earl Nelson Service Station.

Word has been received of Mrs. Eula Phelps of Ortonville, that she fell on the icy walk recently and broke her hip.

Mrs. Carl Larson entertained 22 of her son Ernest's friends Thursday evening, to surprise him on his birthday.

Thirty friends of George Collen called on him at his restaurant Wednesday night, to remind him it was his birthday.

E. A. Corsaut of Frederic, is driving a new Star coach.

L. H. Chamberlin who completed his railroading career Monday, has sold his home to Edward Gierke, and expects to locate in Detroit.

Ezra Highlen expects to leave March 23, to sail on the Great Lakes.

Mrs. P. G. Zalsman assisted by Mrs. Lela Kidston, entertained members of the Home Missionary Society yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Peter McNeven was director of the program. Jack Zeder played the violin and Carl Englund the piano.

Annabelle and Francis Hunter and Elmer Fenton of Grayling, were dinner guests of Mrs. Evelena Barber of Frederic on Sunday.

Supt. Payne of Frederic, had electric lights installed at his home, the work being done by Wm. Leng and Lloyd Welch.

Alfred Galloway Jr., won the automatic in the model bakery contest.

Mrs. Minnie Dougherty has returned from Detroit, where she took a course

in finger waving at the Dermawave school.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Stephan, March 7. Mrs. Stephan was Beulah Larson before her marriage.

E. H. Webb will render a solo *The Great and Heavenly Choir*, by Julius Jordan Sunday morning, at Michelson Memorial Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Thompson of

Kawkawlin, announce the arrival of a son on March 1.

94 years ago March 1, 1902

Thor Ambdornson has gone to Washington and Oregon on a prospecting trip.

Miss Flora M. Marvin has been appointed county school commissioner in place of Charles E. Hicks, deceased.

LOCAL WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling



Date	High	Low	Precip.	Snow on ground	Extended forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Houghton Lake: Light snow is likely on Wednesday, with the highs in the mid 20s. Thursday calls for a chance of snow, with the highs in the low 20s, and the lows in the teens. Friday will be colder with a chance of snow. The highs will be 15 to 20, with the lows of 5 to 10. Saturday will be dry, with the highs in the teens, and the lows of zero to 10 above.
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2. For Rent

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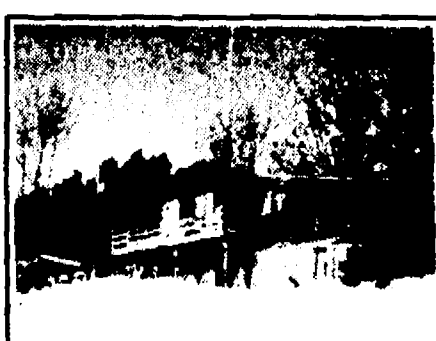
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Secluded River Living

Just a mile from town yet a million miles from anyone, this large four bedroom home sits on 9 acres with no neighbors in sight. There is extensive decking, shed and attached garage. \$142,000. #3399



Lake Margrethe Canal

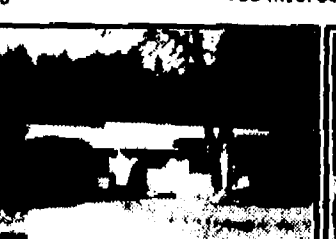
Great floor plan offers four bedrooms, three baths, two family rooms, living room w/fireplace, laundry room, kitchen, large porch, paved drive, 24x24 garage, etc. etc. You must see to believe. \$169,000. #3774



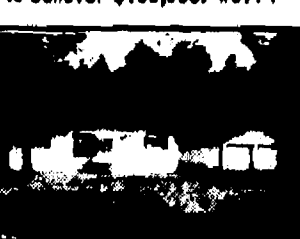
Large family? Large home. Four bedrooms, one of which is 26x28, three baths, one off the master br. lg. sunken living room, partially finished basement, attached 28x28 garage and additional 32x48 pole barn. \$155,000. #3712



This property has much to offer being located in a fast growing commercial strip. Home is as neat lg. sunken living room, partially finished basement, attached 28x28 garage and additional 32x48 pole barn. \$155,000. #3712



Quality built home in a real nice subdivision close to town. Home features an attached garage, brick hearth for the woodstove, vinyl clad windows in the sunroom with sliding glass doors leading out to the back deck. \$59,900. #3770



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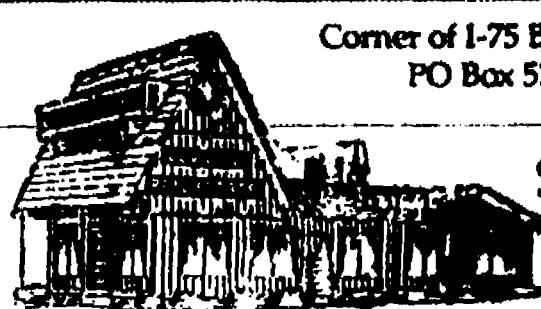
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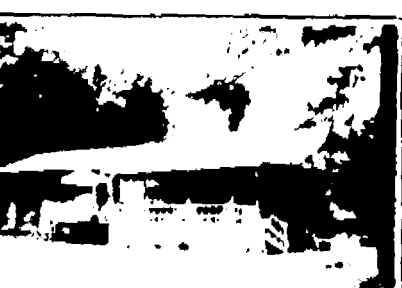
CHARMING CHALET on 2 1/2 wooded acres, east of Grayling, three bedrooms, fireplace, large deck near AuSable River and state land. \$39,900. (DL-78)



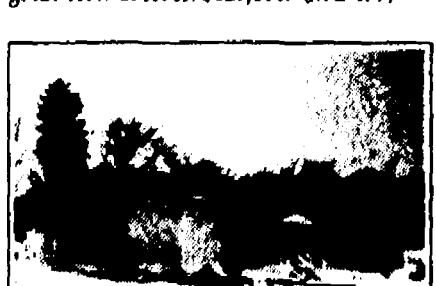
AUSSABLE RIVER MAINSTREAM - 3-level A-frame, four bedrooms, circular stairs, lower-level great room, 20x34 w/brick wall fireplace and woodburner insert, 12' doorwall, garage w/half bath, great view of river. \$125,000. (MC-479)



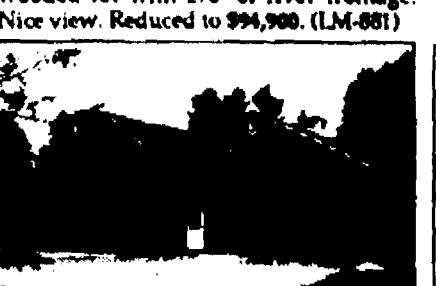
NORTH BRANCH AUSSABLE RIVER - Three bedroom home, 1 1/2 baths, full-finished walk-out basement, 24x30 garage with blacktop drive, satellite dish, back up generator. Lots of extras, large wooded lot with 275' of river frontage. Nice view. Reduced to \$94,900. (LM-881)



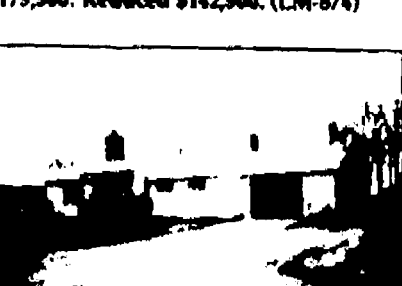
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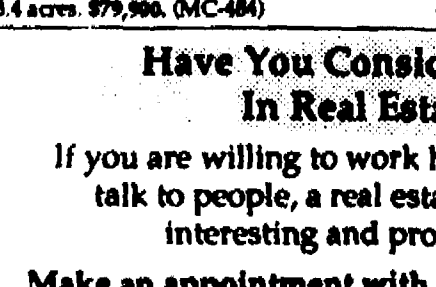
NORTH DOWN RIVER ROAD - 1,576 sq. ft., three bedrooms, two baths, brick hearth with woodstove, Andersen windows, cathedral ceilings, large deck, appliances included, 1 1/2 story garage, 3.4 acres. \$79,900. (MC-484)



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TWO BEDROOM DUPLEX with garage. \$400 month, plus security and credit report. 517-275-5225. -7-14/2

CLOSE TO TOWN Small efficiency cabin. \$285 per month. Snow and trash removal, gas, electric included. Sec. deposit required. No pets. 348-5975 or 348-5124. -7-14/2

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3. Employment

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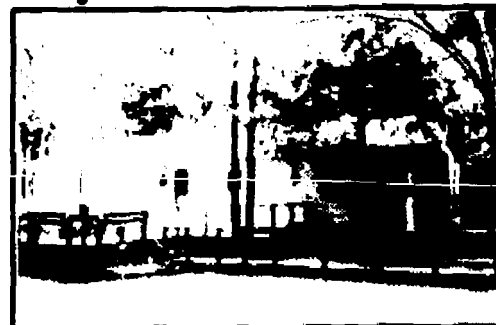


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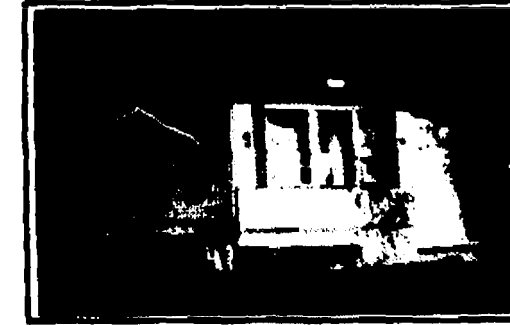
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8. Announcements

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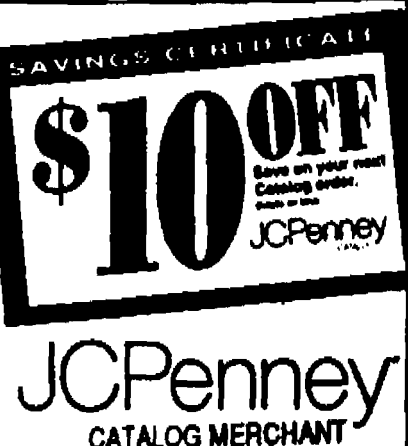
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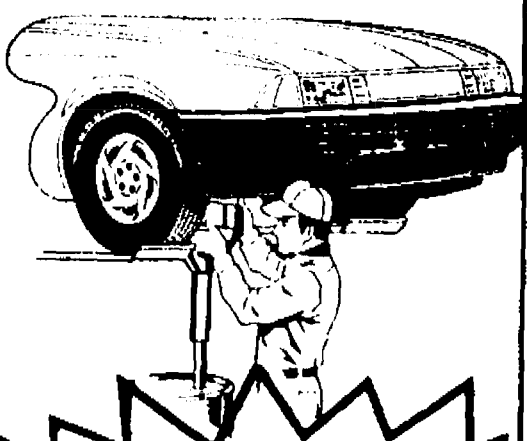
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The northern Lower Peninsula's unemployment rate in January was 10.3 percent, which was an increase of 2.1 percentage points from the December rate of 8.2 percent.

Over the month, wage and salary employment declined by 5,525 jobs. The greatest job reductions took place in retail trade, followed by construction and local government. Also, declines occurred in both the durable and nondurable manufacturing sectors.

Employment gains were noted over the month in private non-professional services as the "bad weather" with plenty of snow caused increased hiring at area ski resorts.

January's unemployment rate compares unfavorably with both the Michigan rate of 5.6 percent and the national rate of 6.3 percent.

The highest rate in the northern Lower Peninsula during January was recorded in Cheboygan County at 20.8 percent, while the lowest rate was in Otsego County at 6.4 percent.

In Crawford County, the total civilian labor force was 5,250. The total number of employed persons was 4,775 and the total unemployed was 475. The January, 1996, unemployment rate of 9.0 percent compares favorably to the rate of January, 1995, which was 11.4 percent.

1996 Unemployment
Crawford and surrounding counties

County	Jan. 96	Dec. 95
Antrim	8.7	7.2
Otsego	6.4	5.8
Montmorency	16.4	13.7
Oscoda	10.4	9.8
Crawford	9.0	7.3
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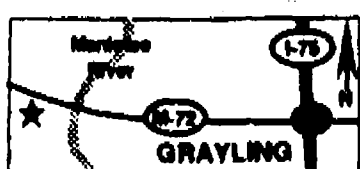
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